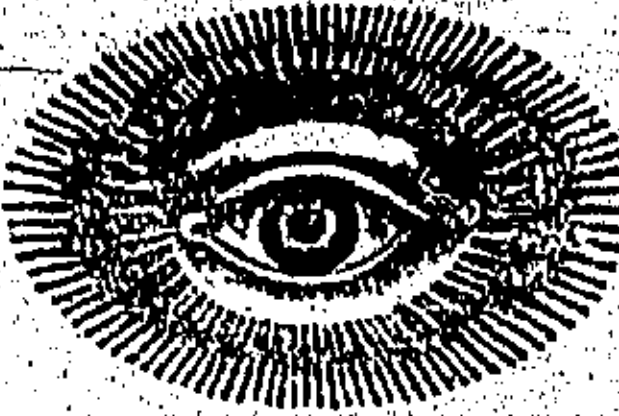


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2.—Salary list dated March, 1927, containing name of Russians and Chinese, found in the Soviet military attaché's office.

3.—Reports of the Soviet secret agents stationed at Mukden and Harbin; being the results of investigation of the Fengtian military affairs and military conferences held there.

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6.—Report submitted by a Chinese by the name of Chang Tsai Yuan, employed as Soviet military secret agent, and stationed at Tsinan, Shantung, to investigate movements and organization of the Chihli-Shantung allied forces and the conditions of the Tehchow Arsenal.

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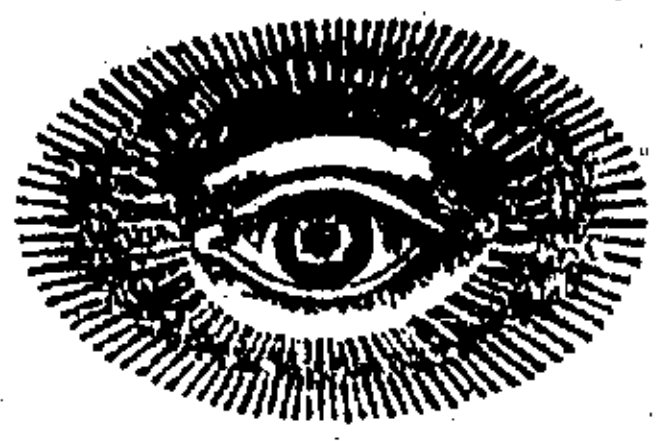
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GOOD BEHAVIOUR OF FENG-
TIEN TROOPS.

TIENTSIN, April 15th.
Your Hwaiking correspondent can now report the complete evacuation of the field of the United Church of Canada in North Honan. Never have we seen the Chinese of our part of Honan more friendly to us, and conditions for pressing on in our work could hardly have been more encouraging. Still, we had received orders and felt that we had no alternative but to obey.

The hardy, fur-capped men of the North had come, and after a short tussle at the Yellow River bridge, had passed on into South Honan. Before they arrived nasty rumours of unseemly behaviour preceded them, but it was soon found that they were much better disciplined and behaved than they had been given credit for. In fact, the local Chinese had many kind remarks to make about them. Their predecessors had collected taxes on the land for four years in advance, while the late arrivals only proposed to tax once a year. Military exactions were negligible.

The new army brought their own horse-carts and did not need to commandeer those belonging to the people. Some badly behaved units of the Fengtien troops created a good deal of trouble for themselves and to the Honanese on first crossing the border into North Honan, but the main army seems to have been under good control.

Local Red Spear men attempted in a few instances to make trouble for the Northerners, but they soon found that they were not dealing with the old time rabble soldiery of former days, and a few wholesome lessons were sufficient to teach them that their charms were of no avail in dealing with modern trained troops. We believe the Fengtien troops will give a good account of themselves when the crucial test comes on joining battle with the main forces of the Cantonese.

Revival Of Business.

Under the new regime we were glad to note a decided revival of business. A commercial traveller advised the writer that trade in the northern section of the Province showed signs of revival, and conditions were better than they had been for two years. Certainly the railways are being run better than they have been for many a day, and although the service on the Kin-Han Railway is irregular, still it is regularly irregular. One can depend on a passenger train up and down each day, and now that the Express is back on the line, it looks like a return to old times. While far from what we were accustomed to ten years ago, still we must remember that we are in the midst of a big war. When we reached Peking and boarded the Ching-Feng train, we were amazed to note the spick-and-span condition of their rolling stock. Instead of sitting on the bundles in a third class dirty, windowless, packed like sardines in a barrel car, we had the choice of travelling first, second or third class. Third class looked like parlor car accommodation to us, and we were able to stretch our legs once more and breathe in a quality of air less saturated with carbon dioxide and garlic.

Tientsin is very good, with its fine buildings, motor cars and paved highways, but we can assure you that we were loth to leave the green wheat fields, the budding trees, the lilac bloom and the myriads of feathered songsters which were fast returning to their

BRITISH SOCIALISTS AND SHANGHAI.

"THE GREAT CHINESE CITY."

WHAT THE "DAILY HERALD"
ADVOCATES.

It is always well to know what "the other side" thinks and advocates on some matter on which one's mind is made up.

The Socialist party in Great Britain, which forms the official Opposition in Parliament is now under a cloud, but it is well to know that its leading press organ urges the rendition to the Chinese, evidently as a free gift, of the British city of Shanghai.

Ignorance and prejudice can exasperate, but when it reaches the heights of the following *Daily Herald* leader it has its amusing side.

Our Socialist contemporary states:—

SHANGHAI.

One would have thought that the one fact standing out so sharply from the Chinese situation that it cannot be overlooked or misconceived is this—that it is absolutely imperative for the diplomats to get to work without a minute's further delay.

Yet Sir Austen Chamberlain, to whom the events of the past week should have been a new warning that he is moving too slowly, now tells the House of Commons that with regard to the crucial problem of Shanghai he proposes to do nothing at all. The excuse—that it is not "possible to negotiate fruitfully in the present anarchical condition"—is the oldest and weakest of the stock replies or Toryism. When there is order reform is unnecessary: when there is disorder it is impossible.

This is a time for such quibbling. It is a time of tense danger. The Chinese masses—not unnaturally—regard the foreign control of Shanghai as the greatest of all affronts to their nationality. They feel it as a continuous and almost intolerable provocation. They are determined that it shall be ended. And not only is there general admission that they have right on their side, but there is general admission that sooner or later, by one means or other, their view must prevail and the great Chinese city be restored to the Chinese people.

The great thing is to get this done peacefully and by agreement. In faith that the Powers would be willing to negotiate a settlement, the Chinese have agreed that there shall be no forcible attempt at seizure. But that pledge was given because—and only because—it was understood that an arrangement similar to that made at Hankow could be negotiated at Shanghai.

So recently as last week that impression was confirmed by Lord Desborough, speaking for the Government in the House of Lords. There came a chorus of anger from the Junkers of Shanghai. And to their anger Sir Austen has yielded.

He has banged and barred the door upon negotiation for the restoration of Shanghai. The effect of that announcement in China can scarcely fail to be deplorable. It plays at once into the hands of the extremists, who want to try to take the Settlement by force. They can now argue that there is no other way.

For any ill-results which may follow Sir Austen will bear no small measure of responsibility.

old haunts. Under ordinary circumstances, we should have been at it from daylight to dark. There were countless poor, half-starved, sick and suffering humanity to engage our attention, and we had nothing to fear except false, lying propaganda, which, of course, would surely come if the Reds should overrun the country. P. T. FINE.

HANKOW UNDER RED TYRANNY.

CHINESE EVACUATING.

RUIN AND WORTHLESS
CURRENCY.

The following is a summary of information contained in a letter from a correspondent at Hankow, says the *Shanghai Mercury*.

On the 18th all the native banks, threatened with ruin by Communist financial regulations, closed their doors. All foreign banks are closed and have been for some time, and have every appearance of continuing in that state until more settled times.

Only Nationalist paper currency is available, exchange being fixed at the arbitrary rate of \$1.00 to the tael, but it is absolutely worthless, and has no bottom whatever. Pickets line the Bund searching all and sundry for silver currency which is seized in return for the valueless Red paper.

The only English-language newspaper being printed is the *Radical People's Tribune*, edited by an American; rabidly anti-British and pro-Bolshevik in everything it publishes. The *Central China Post* and the *Hankow Herald* are appearing as mimeographed brochures.

By all appearance the ships of the China Merchants' fleet are getting no cargo whatever, it being too risky to ship by them.

Chinese passengers, evacuating Hankow crowd these ships to the limit, finding accommodation wherever possible, even in the holds; removing all fittings on the decks and rigging shelters on the sun decks, taking off life-boat covers and establishing themselves and their belongings in the boats.

The fire and capsizing of the *San Peh*, with huge loss of life, was probably a direct result of such haphazard methods. The *Kingshin* on arrival was awful to see, carrying a dangerous list and requiring very little more to make her turn turtle.

The Chinese merchants are shipping all their cargo where possible by the C.N.C. boats, over sixty lighters being now alongside the s.s. *Wangpu*, which leaves with a cargo of 36,000 piculs.

The British Consulate is housed aboard the s.s. *Siangtan*, and the Customs are operating from the s.s. *Luenho*.

Matters remain as they were on January 5th, or worse if anything, and there can be no improvement while the Bolsheviks are here.

The workers are afraid that the Standard Oil Co. and the B.A.T. will close down. It is a sight to see the discharging and loading of ships, hundreds of coolies fighting like devils to carry a package. The poor beggars want to work, but the fat, lazy armed pickets will not permit them to work too much. A weekly strike is the order of things.

FILIPINO RECRUITS FOR CANTONESE ARMY.

WILL LOSE U.S. NATIONALITY.

Filipinos or Americans who accept commissions in the Cantonese Army are liable to the loss of their citizenship, according to legal authorities interviewed on Saturday of last week by the *Manila Times*. This was brought out in connection with recent reports that Filipinos with military experience were being recruited in Manila for Chiang Kai Shek's forces. It appears that the rule is similar to that in the case of Americans who enlisted in the recent Moroccan campaign or in the Mexican bandit troubles of 1916. At that time it was held that Americans who took up arms against a nation friendly to the United States would lose their national rights.

Since the Northern Forces in China are still officially recognized in the United States, enlistment of American subjects in the opposing forces would be contrary to the friendly relations between the two Governments.

A similar view was expressed with reference to reserve and retired officers of the United States Army who were said to be with General Chiang Kai Shek and the Southern Army. It was learned unofficially that any officer making such an affiliation would find it necessary to resign his commission.

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RADEK'S HAND IN SHANGHAI.

HOW MURDERER-AGITATORS WERE TAUGHT THEIR WORK.

[By Dr. EDOUARD LUHOFF, Author
of "A Red Year," etc., etc.]

The reign of terror at Shanghai has thrown the Red leaders at Moscow into a paroxysm of self-congratulation and delight. "The Vanguard of the Workers and Peasants' Army," the Cheka, and other Soviet institutions have now appeared at Shanghai as they did at Petrograd in November 1917, and we can now better understand the repeated declarations of Soviet leaders reported in the *Investigator* and the *Pravda*, to the effect that:

The Chinese revolution will develop under conditions in which the experience and aid of the victorious revolution in Soviet Russia will be utilised.

Moscow has been concentrating on Shanghai since 1924, when it was openly declared that that city was "the key to the Chinese Revolution," because it was "the Citadel of Imperialism," and hence a much coveted prize for the Eastern Revolution.

While arrangements for military action were being made with the Cantonese general, Chu Chen Min, who was accompanied on his visit to Moscow by the General Secretary of the Canton Government and army experts, the "Chinese Commission" was deliberating on ways and means for revolutionary activities.

As a result of these deliberations, plans for the present Shanghai terrorist organisation were outlined and adopted. The actual formation took nearly three years, but it was made possible through the work of Chinese graduates of two Moscow institutes—the Institute of Eastern Toilers and the Sun Yat Sen University—where Chinese agitators were trained in "real revolutionary tactics."

It appears, however, that the early graduates disappointed their mentors, since on their return to China, and especially to Shanghai, they revealed a philosophical turn of mind and began "to study Communism as they had previously studied Confucius." According to Karl Radek, the Rector of the Sun Yat Sen University, these philosophers were so absorbed in their studies that they actually "considered strikes and risings as of no consequence" and therefore neglected "to go to the masses." This mistake was rectified with the second and third batches of graduates, who were taught "more practical work."

Schools for Murder.
The *Pravda* describes the instructions given to Chinese students at Moscow as being identical with those given to Russian "Leninists," whose syllabus includes such interesting and significant subjects as "leaderships of mass revolts," "revolutionary strategy," "rifle shooting," and "revolutionary court-martials." The *Investigator* states quite frankly that "the direction of fighting, revolutionary organisations, tactics, and strategy" was entrusted to "specially prepared cadres who passed the school of Leninism at Moscow."

About 400 of these practical revolutionary leaders were finally sent to Shanghai, and, according to Russian information, they managed to obtain the services of about 3,000 agents, whom they trained for work among the "proletariat, the peasantry, and the general populace." They were organised on Soviet lines and were subject to discipline and entrusted with special work.

Agitation was of two kinds: anti-foreign and anti-capitalist. But Stalin's recent explanation shows that anti-foreign agitation was placed foremost, simply because it "would attract all Chinese, even the bourgeoisie," whereas anti-capitalist agitation could "appeal only to the proletariat."

WESTERN MUSIC IN THE EAST.

SPREADING THE TASTE IN JAPAN.

BEETHOVEN AND BACH.

Japanese, Chinese, and Indians are frequently seen in London concert audiences, but it is not generally known that a taste for European music is quickly spreading in the Far East. Japan, in particular has been captivated by it of late, and it is probably only a question of opportunity for Japan and China to take to their hearts the whole of Western music from Byrd and Palestrina to Stravinsky and Holst.

Eminent Western musicians regularly appear at the Tokyo Imperial Theatre. A play there lasts for 25 consecutive days. The remaining 5 or 6 days of the month are spent in rehearsing a new play, and the theatre is then available for concerts. Kreisler, John McCormack, Louis Godowsky, and such-like celebrities are always sure of a great welcome there. Still, the Far East is not yet a certain source of profit for the touring artist. Mr. Skram Eniwei discourages all but the wealthy or the adventurous in "Pierre Key's Music Year-Book" (New York). He gives warning of the fatigue of constant packing and unpacking, long journeys from place to place, heat, mosquitoes, but he also hints at musical responsiveness in unexpected places. The untutored populace "responds gloriously" to the classics.

Barefooted Audience.
At Hakata, in Japan, he has known an audience, barefooted and sitting on the floor, to applaud vociferously a Bach Toccata and Fugue and Beethoven's Sonata Appassionata—an audience of people whose ears have for generations been used only to the "rasping singing of geishas and the curious sound of shimeons."

At Tokyo the visiting artist is engaged for a minimum of five concerts, always beginning on the 25th of the month. He is invited to luncheon parties at which Young Japan discusses Schönberg and Stravinsky. But the mere mention of Puccini's "Madame Butterfly" excites unrestrained merriment. As the *Daily Mail's* Tokyo correspondent was not long ago telling us, members of the audience have to be carried out, ill with hysteria, when this quaint travesty of Japanese psychology is played.

When China has composed her troubles European music should have a great future there too. Kreisler had a first-rate success in a Peking theatre with a purely Chinese audience. In Java there is, thanks to the Dutch, "a real musical life." In India the Parsee is very responsive to music; and Mr. Eniwei suggests that if only some enterprising concert agent were to take other Oriental countries in hand—Indo-China and the Malay States—the natives there would soon be gladly drinking in Bach and Beethoven.—*Daily Mail*.

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The Empress Nagako, youthful wife of Emperor Hirohito, is expected to give birth to a second child this autumn.
The announcement that the Empress was expecting a child was made some weeks ago and it now is expected the newest descendant of the Sun Goddess will be born in the Akasaka Detached Palace, where the Emperor and Empress are living, in September. Her Majesty's physicians announce she is in excellent health and probably will nurse her second child as she did her first, the little Princess Shigeko, born on December 6th, 1926.
If the child is a boy—and Japanese refuse to consider the possibility of a girl—he will be the Crown Prince of Japan succeeding his father on the dragon throne of the Empire.
Preparations for the Empress' accouchement already are under way and her physicians will remain in constant attendance during the summer which she probably will spend with her husband, the emperor, at the Imperial Villa at Nausu, in the mountains near Nikko.
The Emperor and Empress are expected to move into the Chiyoda Castle, the great moat encircled palace in the centre of Tokyo, during December, possibly on the 10th anniversary of the death of the late Emperor Yoshihito. Chiyoda Castle is being remodelled and the Imperial living quarters decorated in the western style.—*Manila Times*.

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UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual report of the Union Insurance Society of Canton which will be presented at the 54th ordinary meeting of shareholders of the Society on Friday, May 20th, at 11 a.m., is as follows:—

1925 ACCOUNT.—After payment of the interim dividend of 24s. per share and the bonus of 20 per cent. to contributors passed at the last annual meeting, there remains a balance of £208,935 15s. 4d. The Board recommends that a final dividend of 10s. per share and a bonus dividend of 5s. per share on 135,000 shares be paid to shareholders, absorbing £141,750, and that the balance be carried forward to underwriting suspense account to close the account for the year 1925.

1926 ACCOUNT.—The balance of working account on the 31st December, 1926, was £418,245 11s. 10d. The Board recommends that an interim dividend of 24s. per share be paid to shareholders, absorbing £102,000, that a bonus of 20 per cent. be paid to contributors, absorbing about £20,000 and that the remainder be carried forward.

Directors.

Since the last general meeting, Mr. W. H. Bell joined the Board, and the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. W. L. Pattenden and Mr. W. H. Bell resigned from the Board.

Mr. L. J. Davies, Mr. D. O. Russell and Mr. J. K. Bousfield have joined the Board.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, Mr. J. A. Plummer and Mr. T. G. Weall retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Messrs. Linstead & Davis, chartered accountants, retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO.

The report of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., is as follows:—

1925 ACCOUNT.—The balance of working account on the 31st December, 1925, was \$605,222.53. The Board recommends that a dividend of \$9 per share and a bonus dividend of \$5 per share on 20,000 shares be paid to shareholders, absorbing \$280,000, and that the balance be carried forward to underwriting suspense account to close the account for the year 1925.

1926 ACCOUNT.—The balance of working account on the 31st December, 1926, was \$754,803.42.

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ATTACKED BY COOLIE.

WOMAN STRUCK WITH BROOM.

A coolie's alleged assault upon a woman was described at the Central Magistracy yesterday when the man was charged with doing grievously bodily harm. The complainant said that defendant struck her with a broom in the Tai Hing village on Saturday night.

A witness said he was awakened early on Saturday evening by a sound of shouting outside, and on looking out of the window he saw defendant striking the woman with a broom. When he got downstairs the man had disappeared, and the woman, whose head was injured, was lying on the ground.

The next witness, said a Chinese woman, said she had seen complainant attempting to pick up some paper, which the defendant prevented her from doing.

Defendant said the woman persisted in throwing out rubbish, despite his protests. He denied the charge of striking her with his broom.

His Worship remarked that the defendant had undoubtedly struck the woman with his broom, hurting her more than he probably realised. He could not be sure from the Medical Officer's report whether the woman's skull was fractured or not.

The defendant was fined \$25, with the option of 14 days' imprisonment. In addition, he was ordered to pay the complainant \$10 as compensation with the option of an additional 7 days' imprisonment.

CHINESE GIRL AND INDIAN GUARDIAN.

"RATHER A BAD LASS."

ASSIGNED TO CHINESE SECRETARIAT.

The story of an Indian's alleged brutal treatment of a girl adopted by his first wife was told at the Central Magistracy yesterday, when Khata Singh was charged with assaulting a Chinese girl of 18.

The girl stated that when she was five she was adopted by the defendant's first wife. She was then treated well and was quite happy. Her adopted mother died when she was eleven and defendant had married his wife's sister. Since then she had no longer been treated as a daughter but as a servant.

Witness admitted that she had been well-fed, but said that she had been cruelly beaten at times.

Witness went on to say that whenever she had a few minutes to spare she went next door to play with the daughters of a neighbour. These children were very fond of her, and she taught them how to knit and to sew.

Constantly Beaten.

On Saturday last, she went to this house in the evening at the invitation of the mother, and when she returned defendant took her by her queue and hit her with a heavy stick. So severe was the assault that the children who escorted her back home begged defendant to desist.

Questioned by his Worship, witness stated that she had been beaten on many previous occasions, and all for the same reason. Defendant did not seem to like the idea of her going over to play with the neighbour's children.

Asked how she came to make a report of this particular assault, witness stated that she was made to kneel down for an hour after the beating. She was then sent to buy some eggs from a shop in the neighbourhood. She wanted to report the matter to the Police Station, but feared it was too late to do so. The next day she again went to the neighbour's house, and the people advised her not to report the matter. Determined to leave the defendant's house, she suddenly thought of going to the house of a friend living at West Point. The neighbour's wife gave her a little money for her train fare, and she was on the way to West Point when it occurred to her that it would be wrong to sponge on her friend. Therefore she got off at the Police Station, and made the report—not so much to get the defendant into trouble as to get rid of him.

His Worship adjourned the case for a few moments to go into Chambers. Defendant and complainant were to attend.

A Love Affair?

Defendant stated that for the last three months the girl had been in the habit of going out every night and returning home at late hours.

This the girl denied, but admitted that three days ago she took a boy up to her mistress and asked permission to marry him. The girl explained that she took this step because her mistress told her that if she wanted to get married she must bring the man up to see her first.

Defendant said he would call his wife as a witness to substantiate what he said.

Mr. Lindsell: Do you admit that you beat her with a big stick?—I beat her for the reason I have given your Worship.

All over the arm, legs and back?—Yes, with a cane.

That was not done with a cane at all?—Yes, it was. I was very angry at the time and the more so as I had many complaints from the woman.

Defendant's wife corroborated his statement, and said that the girl had little work to do at home. She generally walked out with boys and on several occasions she had run away from the house, but was traced and brought back. The girl had always begged to be allowed to leave the house and earn her own living, but witness refused and promised to find her a decent husband as soon as possible.

Mr. Lindsell: It appears pretty clear that the girl was rather a bad lass.

Police Speak In Her Favour.

Sub-Inspector James, for the prosecution: "I think that the trouble is that they wanted her to marry an Indian, and she would not agree to do so. The people next door think highly of her and are quite willing to adopt her. She plays with their children, and I have been trying to persuade them to come into Court."

Mr. Lindsell imposed a fine of \$50, or in default four weeks' hard labour.

The girl was assigned to the care of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

JAPANESE WATER COLOURS.

KOMOR AND KOMOR'S SPRING EXHIBITION.

DELICATE AND DELIGHTFUL WORK.

The exhibition of paintings now open at Komor and Komor's should be visited by all lovers of pictures and studied by all aspiring artists. It is, for the most part, the work of Japanese water colour artists, and is particularly interesting as it shows how the art of the west has been adopted in Japan. As in every show of this description, the exhibits are artistically of very unequal merit. But they have two things in common, they are the type of picture which will appeal to that wide section of the public who buys a work of art because it is personally pleasing to them, rather than as an investment or part of a collection, and they are very reasonably priced.

Judging the exhibition from the standpoint of an art critic there are two water colour artists among the many exhibiting, whose work not only gives promise of being an excellent investment, but is delightful and instructive in itself. I should like to know that every member of the Hong Kong Art Club possessed a painting by Yamamoto and one by Teranbu; for I am certain that the result would be a very much wider appreciation of the technique of water colour painting by members of that Club.

Yamamoto has a particularly fine sense of composition. "The Umbrella Shop" is an excellent example of the use of planes, balance of mass of light and dark tones, and the counterbalance of colours. The picture divides into two parts, the dim shop interior where two well-placed figures are bent over their work, and the three open umbrellas in the foreground. See how much that suggests in itself. First depth, for the clear pattern of the umbrellas in the sunshine throws the shop into the background; second, the very atmosphere of the East. The patient industry at work in the ill lit squalor of a tiny room unnoticed by the casual observer, and in the foreground the bright sunlight and colour. The way in which these two planes balance and co-ordinate is extraordinarily skillful, for too great an insistence on either would have left one part of the picture void of interest.

Teranbu is one of the few artists who has succeeded in grafting the new art of the West onto the tradition of the East. Many of his pictures are an example of what is best in impressionism, and one is reminded in turn of Whistler, Monet, McEvoy, and of the lovely old Japanese colour prints to which the first named artist owes so great a debt.

There is a very lovely delicacy and spirituality about his work, particularly exemplified in Nos. 10, 23, and 10, which lifts it very far above the average water colour drawing. His dawn tinted clouds and soft mists are never sentimental or merely pretty. As the pale sunlight struggles through the mists they seem to move and lift, and allow the tender green of a bamboo shoot or the pink blossoms of a hydrangea to emerge.

A picture by Teranbu would be a constant joy to possess, and hung on ones wall, it would be, what a picture should be, a decorative background.

But beyond these two there are a number of other exhibitors whose work is attractive. Kobayashi, who paints in a style more nearly akin to the ordinary English water colour artist will be sure to find a ready market. His work is bright and pretty. I liked best Nos. 107 and 64. The latter is an inland stream whose banks are shaded with a well balanced mass of trees and undergrowth. No. 107 is larger and is a very good composition. The drawing of the tree with its sparse red leaves, and finely marked trunk is an lovely as anything in the exhibition.

Benson's sea scapes attracted a good deal of attention, and are remarkable in the effect of the swell and movement of the water.

Besides the water colour drawings there are a number of oil paintings on view, mostly by English artists. Rollin's fine "Moonlight" is an interesting picture and there are several others typically English scenes which should make an appeal to residents in the Far East.

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DISORDER IN SINGAPORE.

VICTIMS OF GUNMEN.

MURDER BY FOUR CANTONESE.

Some idea of the extent of the recent outbreak of lawlessness in Singapore can be gathered from the following extract from a copy to hand of the *Singapore Free Press*.

Several shooting incidents and stabbing affairs kept the Police busy during the week-end. The most serious of these occurrences took place in Del Street, where, it appears, a gang of Chinese armed with pistols or revolvers suddenly fired several shots which wounded several persons who were gathered about a food stall, fatally injuring one man. The affair occurred at 7.30 p.m. It is believed that the men were out to get one particular person, but the deceased man, in the statement made before he died, could give no explanation as to why he was shot.

Ship's Clerk Stabbed.

A grudge which is said to have had its origin in China about two years ago, is being investigated by the Police. A Teochew clerk employed on the steamer *Yao Ann Hoo* was set upon by another Teochew in Reid Street and stabbed in the back and in the stomach. His assailant has not yet been arrested.

Alleged Secret Society Crime.

Another shooting incident, believed to be connected with a secret society argument, occurred in Chin Chew Street, where a Chinese was found fatally wounded very early on Monday morning. In the same disturbance, a Cantonese pork butcher was stabbed in the thigh in South Bridge Road.

Chinese Carpenter Shot.

Seven or eight Chinese are reported to have taken part in an attack on a Cantonese carpenter at about 7.30 on Sunday night. The victim was shot in the stomach, some of the men being armed with revolvers or pistols. No arrests were made.

Murder In A Twakow.

A Teochew boatman has been arrested and charged in connection with the murder of a twakow coolie on board twakow No. 157. The twakow was lying at North Boat Quay at 4 p.m. on Sunday when the accused man is alleged to have attacked the deceased from behind and stabbed him to death.

Murder In Broad Daylight.

Another crime which is believed to be the outcome of a secret society feud was committed in Prince Street in broad daylight on Monday evening. At about 5.15 a Chinese was walking along the five-footway when four Cantonese accosted him. They were all armed with automatic pistols which they drew and fired at the Chinese from close range. They then left the neighbourhood and got safely away. Up to the present no arrests have been made. The injured man was only able to drag himself to the doorway of a house where he collapsed and died.

A NEW BATHING CLUB.

FOR SERVICE MEN.

A new bathing club for soldiers and sailors was inaugurated on Sunday at Kowloon Dock. The club is known as the Kowloon Dock United Services Club.

The bathing match will be open daily, and there is also a shed in which refreshments are served to some 300 men.

The organisation of this club is due entirely to the staff of the Kowloon Docks. The domestic side of the work will be performed by the wives of members of the staff and the club will remain open as long as it continues to pay its way.

MURDER IN TIENTSIN CONCESSION.

CHINESE WOMAN'S END.

A SERVANT'S ARREST.

A Chinese woman living at 34, Yen Shou Li, off Douglas Road, in the British Concession, Tientsin, was done to death with ghastly brutality by robbers sometime about midnight on one Wednesday, last month. Her husband had been to the theatre and returned, all unaware of what had happened.

The police received a report of the crime at 1.25 a.m. and when they visited the house, they found the floor of the room where the murder was presumably committed, covered with blood, and an iron lying by. The woman had been apparently strangled but there were some 30 wounds on her head and neck which had been dealt with a blunt instrument.

There were two servants in the house; one aged 70, who had been asleep and heard nothing of what had happened, and another, aged 19.

The younger servant, Liang Chia Hsun, said that at about 12 p.m. he heard some one knocking at the door and got up from bed to see who it was, but found no one there. Ten minutes later he heard the knocking again and again went to the door. He found two men there this time, who asked him if Wang Chia Mo, his mistress's husband, lived there. He told them that he had moved. They entered the yard and ordered him to lead them into the house. He refused, but they forced him to obey by producing revolvers. They eventually went into the west room, which his mistress occupied, and called upon her to open her door, which she did. They then told her to go to the east room, which she refused to do. The men dragged her along, and he saw that her head was bleeding. He caught hold of her to try to hold her back, but they pulled her away. He heard his mistress crying once, then he jumped out of the window to alarm the police. When he came back he found that his mistress was dead.

Liang Chia Hsun's story was, however, received with doubt by the police, and his replies to further questions being unsatisfactory, he was placed under arrest. Further examination proved that he was implicated in the crime, to which he subsequently confessed being a party, with two other men.

It appears that the three of them had shared their booty, consisting of \$100, jewelry, and a roll of silk, and that Liang's portion was still in the house.

GAGGED WITH ORANGE.

AND THREATENED WITH KNIVES.

A Chinese was yesterday committed for trial at the Central Police Court on a charge of armed robbery at West Point.

A woman gave evidence that early in the afternoon of February 15th, she was in the rear cubicle of 8, Yuk Ming Street, when she heard a knock at the door. As the smash opened the door, two men entered and after threatening her with knives they tied her wrists with string and gagged her with a handkerchief and an orange.

They ransacked some trunks, removed a gold wristlet watch from her arm by cutting the band, and obtained \$4 in cash. Before they left a third man drew aside the curtain and peered into the cubicle. The defendant, denying the charge, maintained that it had been brought against him because of a grudge harboured by the woman's husband.

ENDING THE RED
MENACE.A CONCILIATORY
PROPOSAL.PEASANTS CORPS ASKED TO
JOIN KUOMINTANG.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Peasants Corps in Kwangtung and in the other Kuomintang controlled Provinces of China, although organized originally under the auspices of the "Reds," are not to be crushed as at first intended. Instead of trying to subdue the Peasants Corps by force of arms immediately, an offer is now being made to them to come under the control of the Kuomintang Party. It is believed they will agree and that the Red menace will be ended by this conciliatory policy in the part of the pro-Chiang Kai Shek militarists.

Notwithstanding all the reports previously issued, the territory around Shuiwan is still dominated by "Reds." Many business firms, including pawnshops, in Shuiwan, the northern terminus of the Kwangtung Section of the Canton-Hankow Railway, have been closed to business since April 26th. Troops from Canton are able to travel by train up to Yingtak, but the line beyond is still controlled by the "Reds."

The exact position of the "Reds" remains obscure. Everywhere north of Tsingyu is said to be still in their hands. Some 2,000 more troops left Canton for the north yesterday, their commander, General Chien Ta Chun, having departed to take charge of the operations two days before.

Mr. Chen Yuo Tao, a brother-in-law of Mr. Wang Ching Wei, assumed the post of acting Commissioner of Reconstruction in Canton City on Monday, replacing Mr. Sun Fo, son of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen. The ceremony of transferring the seal of office yesterday had more than usual significance. It marked not only the change of personnel in the Bureau of Reconstruction but also the downfall of the "Prince" clique in Canton.

The exit of Mr. Sun Fo from the Bureau of Reconstruction and the Canton Municipality, however, does not end the family rule. The new Commissioner of Justice in Canton is Chen Yung, a brother-in-law of Mr. Hu Han Min who, like Mr. Wang Ching Wei, has just returned to power in the Kuomintang Party. Mr. Sun Fo's two brothers-in-law are still holding offices in Canton. Dr. Tai En Sai is Director-General of the Kwangtung Conservancy Bureau, and Mr. Chen Te Shan, Manager of Canton Telephone Exchange.

Mr. Chu Chia Hua on May 1st took charge of the Bureau of Civil Affairs in Canton, succeeding Mr. Chen Shih Jen, who left hastily.

The loss important "Reds" under arrest are now confined in the Macao Forts. They have organized a dramatic club among themselves and the first show they staged was in the nature of an attack on General Chiang Kai Shek.

By a special order of the Extraordinary Commission in Canton, all the railways within Kwangtung are to return to the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Reconstruction. The Hankow Central Executive Committee some time ago sought to control the lines and placed them in charge of the newly created Ministry of Communications, a portfolio concurrently held by Mr. Sun Fo. Canton has condemned the Hankow Kuomintang, and consequently every authority given in their name in Canton must necessarily be withdrawn.

THE NEW MAYOR OF CANTON.

Mr. Lam Mun Koi has been appointed Mayor of the Municipal Government of Canton by the Special Governing Committee, says the Canton Gazette.

Hitherto the chief secretary, Mr. Lai Tse Kiam, and Mr. Chen Kim Yu, Chief of the General Affairs Section, of the City Government, have officiated in the absence of Mr. Sun Fo at Hankow.

MAY ROAD TRAM
FARES.MID-LEVEL RESIDENTS' ASSO-
TION'S PROTEST.

The following correspondence has taken place between the Mid-Level Residents' Association and the Peak Tramways Co., Ltd., on the subject of the increased cost of Season Tickets for May Road Residents:—

Messrs. John D. Humphreys & Son, Peak Tramways Co., Ltd.

Dear Sirs,—This Association has noticed your advertisement announcing the proposed increase in the cost of Season Tickets between May Road and the Lower Terminus.

The old rate was \$21 per quarter (or \$7 per month), which was raised to \$8, but holders were entitled to travel the whole distance either way. It is now proposed to raise the rate to \$10 or in other words, Mid-Level residents are to pay \$1 more for the privilege of travelling only half the distance they have hitherto been permitted to travel.

This is an increase of no less than 47.5 per cent. over the rate ruling only 3 years ago, and is considered by this Association as entirely out of proportion to the increase of facilities enjoyed by travellers to and from May Road station, especially when it is remembered that Peak season-ticket holders are not being asked to pay any more than they were at that time.

I am directed by my Committee to put those facts before you with a view to the old rates being retained.

(Signed) WALTER G. JOSEPH, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.

March 20th.

W. G. Joseph, Esq., Hon. Secretary, The Mid-Level Residents' Association.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 30th ultimo on the subject of the cost of monthly tickets between May Road and the Lower Terminus, we have to inform you that the matter was laid before the Board yesterday and they regret they are unable to reverse their previous decision and that the revised prices as advertised in the notice dated March 28th must stand.

It is further considered the increased facilities at May Road taken in conjunction with the fact that it is at that point of the line where the load is heaviest and the cost of running greatest, that the extra charge made for contract tickets is warranted.

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MOSCOW AND THE
CANTONESE.

ABUSE OF MODERATES.

A Riga message, dated March 24th to The Times, states that the leaders of the Communists and the Soviet Government are showing uneasiness over the attitude of the Cantonese Commander-in-Chief, General Chiang Kai Shek, towards the Communist tendencies of the Kuomintang, and condemn what they regard as his unduly "moderate" instructions to the Cantonese Army. Misgivings regarding his "trustworthiness" and expression even in the Soviet Press, which openly refers to "strife within the Cantonese Government connected with the name of Chiang Kai Shek." The Izvestia publishes an article by Radek, in which he declares that the situation in Shanghai has become "as sharp as a razor edge." Radek utters a warning against overestimating the importance of the fact that Chiang Kai Shek, "for the time being," has submitted to the decisions of the Nationalist Party, and asserts that many bourgeois elements have remained inside the Cantonese camp only with the intention to steer the revolution along liberal lines. The capture of Shanghai, Radek adds, will intensify class warfare, but only "the blind bourgeois mole" can imagine that this will weaken the revolution; class warfare will be the breath of life of the Chinese revolution, the motive power leading to victory.

CHINA MERCHANTS'
COMPANY.THREATENED EXPROPRIA-
TION.NANKING GOVERNMENT'S
PLAN.

Though nothing official has yet appeared, there appears good ground for believing that the Political Committee of the Kuomintang, acting under orders from Nanking, have decided to confiscate the entire property of the China Merchants' S. N. Co., Ltd., says the North China Daily News. With this in view they are understood to have appointed General Chiang Kai Shek, former Tuteh of Chekiang, who is said to be an uncle of General Chiang Kai Shek, and Mr. Chien Hsien Chi (Y. M. Chien), former manager of the Shanghai branch, and now deputy-governor, of the Bank of Communications, to administer the affairs of the company. These two gentlemen invited the director of the China Merchants to tea in the Chinese Bankers' Association building in Hong Kong Road, on Wednesday afternoon and discussed the matter. No definite decision was reached and neither of the two officials went to the China Merchants' offices to take over.

Hankow's First Attempt.

An attempt was made some three weeks ago by representatives of the Hankow Government, acting under instructions from Mr. Sun Fo (son of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen and Minister of Communications in the Hankow Government), to seize the company, but the directors refused to let them do so, on the ground that the China Merchants' S. N. Co. was not an official undertaking but a purely commercial enterprise and that, in their capacity as directors, they simply represented the interests of the different shareholders. The agents of the Hankow Government said that these were their orders and that a decision to this effect had been passed by the Nationalist Government in Hankow.

The directors then appealed to the local authorities, and General Pei Chung Hsi, Commissioner for Martial Law for the Shanghai and Woosung Districts, forbade interference with the company's affairs. If the Hankow Government wanted to take it over, he said, they must buy the shares or at least pay for what it was worth. The Hankow agents then left and there was no further interference.

Never before this, had there been an attempt by any one of the numerous Chinese governments to seize the China Merchants' S. N. Co., though during the Manchu régime a supervisor was appointed by the then government. This official, however, never attempted to control the company nor did he interfere with its working. His duties were simply confined to supervising, in a negative sense.

The present attempt to seize the China Merchants is the action of the Political Committee of the Kuomintang and is understood to be an indirect way of forcing Mr. Fu Siao En to surrender himself to the authorities, Mr. Fu being one of the largest shareholders of the company.

A Wealthy Concern.

The China Merchants' S. N. Co., Ltd., is a limited commercial organization, registered with the Central Government. It was established about 1860 and has large holdings. Purchasing a small fleet from an American company, Russell & Co., it has worked its way to the premier position in the Chinese shipping world, and now owns 29 vessels.

The company is governed by a Board of Directors. The three managing directors are Lord W. H. Li, grandson of the late Li Hung Chang, chairman; Mr. Edward E. Y. Sheng, son of the late Sheng Kung Pao, founder of the company, vice-chairman; and Mr. Fu Siao En. The other directors are leading members of the Chinese mercantile community.

500-DOLLAR FORGED
NOTE.DEALER IN SPURIOUS
NOTES LURED ON.CHINESE REPORTER'S
STRANGE STORY."UNLIMITED SUPPLY" FROM
CANTON.

A very curious story was told in Court by a vernacular newspaper reporter yesterday as to how a casual acquaintance had taken him into his confidence and proposed to sell him an "unlimited supply" of spurious Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank notes and also some French notes. The reporter, according to his own account, had no intention of taking part in the shady transactions but he lured his man on until, under police instructions, he had piled up sufficient evidence, and the alleged forged notes dealer was then arrested.

The prisoner was brought up on remand before Mr. B. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of possession of a forged \$500 note. Det. Sub-Inspector Shaftain, attached to the S.C.A. prosecuted, and Mr. G. R. Haywood defended.

A Very Good Forgery.

At the commencement of the proceedings, Inspector Shaftain told the Court that the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank regarded the case as serious, and he would therefore ask for a committal.

Expert evidence was given by Mr. J. B. Milne of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, who said that he had examined the note and found that the forgery was a very good one. The only way the forgery could be detected was through a strong lens and then it would be found that the forgery lacked the clearness of outline of a genuine note. The notes printed at Home showed very little line but the lines in the forged note were blurred. The figures forming the number of the forged note were not in alignment, and the colour was also a bit darker. The picture of the back of the forgery also lacked the same definition. Otherwise the forged note was a perfect copy and the serial numbers corresponded with the signatures.

Cross-examined by Mr. Haywood, witness stated that the paper on which the forged note was printed had no water mark and the feel of it was entirely different from the genuine notes.

Mr. Haywood: Beyond the lack of definition, you could not say the note was false. What if the machine had gone wrong?—The note was not printed by a machine. It was lithographed.

A Sleuth-Hound Reporter.

When the next witness was called, Sub-Inspector Shaftain told the Magistrate that the man was a reporter and was engaged by the Wah Yang Pao and the Tien Sing Pao, and he would ask the Court to request pressmen present not to mention the witness' name, as it would do him great harm.

Mr. Lindell: I cannot make this order, but the press may make a note of it.

According to witness's story the defendant was first introduced to him in the street on February 15th or 16th. About a month later, he again met the defendant at a tea house in Yau-mat. Defendant then asked him to negotiate the sale of some forged banknotes. Witness stated that he was in honest occupation and he refused to be mixed up with such an affair. There was not at that stage sufficient evidence to warrant the arrest of the defendant, and he, therefore, lured the defendant on to commit himself.

\$43 For \$100.

However, on March 17th, he reported the matter to an official of the Chinese Labour Maintenance Bureau. Witness again saw defendant on April 26th, when the subject was referred to and defendant said that the notes had arrived from Canton. Defendant asked him if he had already arranged a buyer and that if the notes were wanted.

(Continued on next column.)

CLAIM FOR \$1,000.

LAI YUEN BANK SUCCEEDS.

YESTERDAY'S SUMMARY COURT
ACTION.

The Lai Yuen Bank, of No. 62, Wing Lok Street, made a successful claim in the Summary Court yesterday for \$1,000 from the Wing Fung Firm, of 119, Connaught Road West, and Tat Wo, Ma Yuk Cheun and Kwong Keang Chee, parties to an agreement by which \$2,000 was borrowed from the Bank.

The case, which was heard before Mr. P. Jacks, acting Puisne Judge, concerned the balance of principal due under a promissory note dated October 13th, 1923. The plaintiffs also claimed costs.

Mr. J. M. Remedios was for the plaintiff, and Mr. A. J. O'Donoghue for the defendants.

Mr. Remedios explained that he understood Mr. O'Donoghue had no further instructions, and asked permission to prove his case, which was granted.

The manager of the plaintiff bank said they lent \$2,000 to the defendants on October 13th, \$1,000 of which had been repaid. Nothing further had been received. Interest was not claimed because there was no stipulation on the writ as to interest.

His Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiffs with costs.

he could send someone to get them. Arrangement was made to meet later in the defendant's house at No. 4, Upper Lascar Row, and the development was again reported to the Labour Maintenance Bureau. The appointment was kept and a further meeting was arranged for next day at a Chinese hotel at Yau-mat. The day after that witness went to the rendezvous with an official from the Bureau. Defendant produced a \$10 forged note for inspection, and asked \$45 for ten of the \$10 notes. The price was eventually lowered to \$43.

Asked by the Magistrate as to who accompanied witness to meet the defendant, Inspector Shaftain said that the man was the chief assistant to General Lo Wing Sing, of the Labour Maintenance Bureau.

Mr. Lindell: Do you call him a general in Hong Kong?—He is known in that way.

Continuing, witness said that the supposed buyer declared that he did not want notes in \$10 denomination, but asked for \$1,000 in one \$500 and 60 \$10 notes. Defendant arranged to bring the required notes to the Stag Hotel the next day. Witness kept the appointment, and the Police were informed. It was also arranged that a signal was to be given from the veranda clearly. If the defendant had arrived with the "goods," when the defendant arrived, he took one \$500 note from his pocket and said that on account of the stringent search made by the Police, he was afraid to bring more. The note was handed back to defendant by the so-called buyer who said that he had thought over the matter and found it not advisable to buy notes of such high denomination as it would be very hard to pass off. As soon as the defendant had been given back the forged note the Police came on the scene and arrested the man. Witness added that the defendant had mentioned to him that he had an "unlimited supply" of forged Hong Kong bank notes and also some French notes.

Good Notes Wanted For Bail.

Cross-examined by Mr. Haywood, witness said that when he met the defendant at the tea house, there were several other persons there drinking tea and that the defendant had whispered to him.

His Worship: Why should he take you to be such a scoundrel?—I don't know.

His Worship: But how had he dared to do such a thing?—We had been introduced previously.

His Worship: You were still casual acquaintance, according to your own story?—Yes.

At this stage, Mr. Haywood asked for an adjournment on the ground that the witness's story was entirely different from the instruction he had received and that he would have to interview his client again. Furthermore, he did not know that the prosecution was asking for a committal until he had come into the Court.

Mr. Lindell asked if the defendant could put up bail, and on being informed that the defendant had some money, bail was fixed at \$5,000, but they must be in good bank notes, added the Magistrate. The case was adjourned until Thursday afternoon.

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THE THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (Weather Permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 7th MAY, 1927, commencing at 2.30 p.m. The First Race will be Run at 2 p.m.

The Charge for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.00 for all Persons including Ladies. Soldiers and Sailors Uniform, Half Price.
Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain Admission to the Members Enclosure.

Each Member has the right to introduce 2 Non-members to the Members Enclosure. Tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. LINDSEY & DAVIS at \$5.00 Each up to FRIDAY, 6th MAY, 1927.

The Charge for Admission for Ladies to the Members Enclosure will be \$2.00. Each Member can obtain, upon application to the SECRETARY, Badges for Admission of 2 Ladies Free of Charge. [4891]

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NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above named Company will be held at the Board Room of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., No. 18, Pedder Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong on the 10th DAY OF MAY NEXT, at 12 o'clock NOON, for considering and, if thought fit, passing the Sub-joined Resolution as an Ordinary Resolution.

That this Meeting authorizes the Directors to pay to the Executor of the late Sir CAROLINE PAUL CHATER, C.M.G., the sum of \$10,000 in full satisfaction of the sum of \$10,000 shown in the Company's last Balance Sheet, which represent the proportion, calculated up to the date of his death, of the remuneration to which the deceased would have become entitled, if he had survived to the end of the year, under Article No. 95 (B) of the Articles of Association.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 2nd May, 1927. [4892]

PEAK CHURCH.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF WORSHIPERS at the PEAK CHURCH will be held in the CATHEDRAL HALL on FRIDAY, MAY 16th, 1927, at 5.30 p.m.

H. COPLEY MOYLE,
Hon. Secretary.
[4896]

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NOTICE.

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Hong Kong, 1st May, 1927. [4876]

NOTICE.

OUR OFFICE has THIS DAY been REMOVED to 2nd Floor of PRINCE'S BUILDINGS, 101, HOUSE STREET.

ALEX. ROSS & CO. (CHINA), LTD.
Hong Kong, 30th April, 1927. [4868]

HUGO STINNES LINIEN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the AGENCY of the above Steamship Company which was held by Messrs. BAYNE, BUCKLEMAN & Co. has been Taken Over by our Firm from TO-DAY.

JEBSEN & CO.
Hong Kong, the 1st day of May, 1927. [4874]

INTIMATIONS.

CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED, will be held in the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, 7th DAY OF MAY, 1927, at 11.30 o'clock in the Forenoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers and a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1926, and of electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd APRIL, 1927, to 7th MAY, 1927. Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the General Managers,
H. R. STURTE,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 28th April, 1927. [4857]

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersigned on TUESDAY, the 17th MAY, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended the 31st DECEMBER, 1926.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 17th MAY, 1927. Both Days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Agents.
Hong Kong, 26th April, 1927. [4840]

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

SUBJECT TO Weather Conditions, it is hoped to play the FINAL OF THE OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP on THURSDAY, 5th MAY.

FINAL OF THE OPEN DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP on FRIDAY, 6th MAY.

Prizes Won during the Tournament will be presented after the latter match. BOOKING OF RESERVED SEATS at the PAVILION at REDUCED PRICES BY MEMBERS and SUBSCRIBERS will CEASE at 8 p.m. on MONDAY, 2nd MAY.

Booking will Open at MOUTRIE & CO. on TUESDAY, 3rd MAY. [4871]

BY ORDER OF THE FIRST MORTGAGEES.

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BIRTH.

GRAVES.—On May 2nd, at No. 6, The Peak to Mr. and Mrs. H. GRAVES a son. [4884]

MARRIAGE.

HORTON—DICKSON.—On February 25th, at Nairobi, BENJAMIN ERNEST HORTON, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, sec. King's African Rifles, to ANNE FORBES, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. DICKSON, Nairobi, formerly Hong Kong.

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The Daily Press.

Hong Kong, May 3rd, 1927.

HONG KONG UNIVERSITY FINANCES.

The Hong Kong University, throughout its history, appears to have suffered, like many other deserving institutions, from what the authorities regard as a lack of adequate income. The fact is

emphasized by the Vice-Chancellor, in his recent report when he refers to the hardships of living from hand to mouth. We agree that this method of existence can often be extremely disagreeable and most certainly a few more generous endowments would help the smooth running of the machine and lead to the greater comfort of all concerned, but it does not, of necessity, follow, as Mr. HONNELL seems to suggest, that they would add "dignity" to the establishment.

That all depends upon the point of view. While the University is doing work of great value we should hesitate to put it into the category of a charitable institution, or like it, for example, to a great London hospital which has to depend entirely upon the donations of the wealthy in order that it may continue its task of alleviating the distress and misery of the sick and poverty stricken members of the community. It is quite conceivable, indeed, that an embarrassment of riches might tend to sap the

virtuity of a modern University, such as ours in Hong Kong. Where would its "dignity" be then. Given a reasonably good start a University must depend for its success or failure upon the type of graduates it turns out year after year. They should spread the fame of the seat of learning, far and wide and by their achievements attract a steadily increasing flow of students anxious to secure similar educational equipment and willing to pay an adequate sum for it. Then endowments would be welcomed in order that the scope of the work might be extended through the establishment of more scholarships for competition among poorer students who have shown that they themselves, and possibly, in future, the State, would benefit by the opportunities afforded them of continuing their studies. It is, of course, fatally easy to give away something for nothing and sometimes we think it is not sufficiently realised how much the University does in this way.

A cursory examination of the University accounts for the past twelve months shows that the cost of a student is approximately \$1,750 a year. This, of course, is apart altogether from establishment charges incurred in the erection of buildings and the provision of the ground and playing fields. Towards this sum the student himself contributes under \$400. Therefore he obtains as a free gift something like \$1,350 a year for every year he is in residence, or, in other words, he obtains a University education at less than a quarter of the charges regularly incurred in the maintenance of the routine. If we separate the costs of different departments from the general university expenditure we find that the cost per student in the Medical Faculty is roughly \$820 a year and that in the engineering faculty \$1,400 a year.

We believe in a liberal education policy, but it must be remembered that a University education is essentially a luxury education. Many of the young men who come from Home, attracted by what Mr. HONNELL describes as "the alluring prizes of commerce" have to face the world without the advantage of a University training because they could not afford it. Doubtless many of them would have jumped at the opportunity if they could have obtained this training by payment of such a small part of the amount involved, but we hesitate to think what Parliament's reply would be to a proposal that a scheme on these lines, for which the taxpayer would be asked to accept responsibility, should be open to all residents in Great Britain. The Hong Kong University, however, throws wide its portals to the whole of the Far East and is willing to welcome anyone to the bounteous fare provided regardless of race, religion or any other consideration. The only test of fitness is that established by the matriculation examination. The Government of China, central and provincial, have recognised the value of the training received and send bright students as Government scholars, but Chinese Governments have an unpleasant and unbusiness-like habit of forgetting to pay their accounts. During the whole of the campaign against the British these students, including some even from Canton, were being housed, fed, taught and in some cases clothed and provided with pocket money by the University, with the result that the University treasury is now over \$100,000 poorer than it should be.

There will be a meeting of the Sanitary Board this afternoon, but the agenda contains no business of public interest.

Lady Ho Tung has taken 11, Lancaster Gate, and will reside there during her sojourn in England with her two daughters.

The Leipzig International Industries Fair film, a picture of much trade and general interest, is being screened at the Queen's Theatre this morning at 10.45.

The usual Spring Festival at Quarry Bay School is being held this morning at eleven o'clock. Launches for visitors leave Hong Kong at 10.20 from Murray Pier.

Fourteen lengths of water piping and some joints worth \$17 were stolen on Saturday from the No. 7 Military General Hospital (Diocesan Boys' School Building).

A Chinese woman living at No. 20, Gage Street, committed suicide on Sunday by jumping from the second floor verandah. She was taken to the hospital very seriously injured and died at 7.15 p.m.

Lady Macnaghten, Mr. F. G. Penny, M.P., and Mrs. Penny, and Mr. and Mrs. S. B. McEldey (of Hong Kong) were among the guests of Mrs. Amery, wife of the Secretary for the Dominions, at an at Home on March 23rd.

The Commander of H.M.S. *Sterling* (8th Destroyer Flotilla) has stated that it is untrue that a bloodstained razor was found on the ship soon after Petty Officer Thomas Bassett had fallen overboard on Friday morning.

The late Miss Emily Patridge, of Aston Lodge, Lillingston-road, Leamington Spa, second daughter of the late Capt. Dan Patridge, of Shanghai, left estate of gross value of \$4,433 (net personalty \$4,151).

According to a police report, a beggar was on Saturday admitted to the Kwong Wah Hospital as the result of being struck on the head by Lance-Sergeant Hughes. The Sergeant was about to arrest the accused when the latter struck him on the arm with an iron pan. Sergeant Hughes retaliated with his truncheon.

While crossing the roadway at Praya East on Saturday, a Chinese was struck down by Mr. Davidson's motor-cycle. The man was taken to the Government Civil Hospital, somewhat seriously injured. The same night, another Chinese was admitted into the Hospital as a result of being knocked down at Queen's Road East by public car No. 312.

During April the rainfall, measured at the Botanic Gardens, totalled 5.08 inches. Rain fell on 18 days, there being a spell of fine weather from the 23rd to the 29th inclusive. The heaviest fall was 2.74 inches on the 20th and the next heaviest .99 of an inch on the 7th. The total rainfall this year has been 16.32 inches against an average of 11.61 inches.

Local society suffered a loss on Saturday last on the retirement of Miss Innes, Matron of the Matilda Hospital, who was among the passengers leaving by the s.s. *Malva*. Prior to joining the staff of the Matilda Hospital, Miss Innes had been a Sister in the Royal Naval Hospital, Waiwai. Her connection with the Colony has extended over twenty years and her remarkable kindness, interest and sympathy, which were bestowed on all near her will long be remembered. She carries with her the good wishes of the community.

The most obvious way for the University to secure additional revenue and to obtain that "dignity" which comes from making both ends meet would appear to be to raise fees in order that they may bear some relation to the cost of education, but this general assumption is that an increase in the fees would lead to a reduction in the number of students. Why is this? In all the circumstances that there is not a long list of young men waiting for vacancies. Have we been mistaken in assuming that the Chinese generally have a high regard for learning, or is it that the facilities provided by the Hong Kong University are not widely enough known?

Under the auspices of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, a smoking concert is being held at Corps Headquarters on Friday, May 13th, beginning at 8.15 p.m. The prizes won at the annual Easter Rifle Meeting will be presented.

Viscount Incheape has subscribed \$2,000 in response to the Y.M.C.A. appeal for funds to establish its work with the Shanghai Defence Force, £264 has also been subscribed by others, and Sir Arthur Yapp, the National Secretary, says the total expenditure involved cannot amount to less than £5,000 and may be considerably more.

Two successful and well attended dances held last night were those under the auspices of H.M.S. *Profisher* at the Hotel Savoy, and of the Royal Engineers and Royal Corps of Signals Junior Dance Club at the Royal Engineers' Theatre, Wellington Barracks. The orchestras at both functions were excellent, and dancing was sustained until a late hour.

Resolving of exemplification of letters of administration of the estate of Edward Menashih Joseph, formerly of Hong Kong, but late of Shanghai, deceased, who died at Shanghai on February 27th, 1927, as a bachelor whose parents are dead, have been granted to Mr. G. B. Tinson, solicitor, Hong Kong, the lawful attorney of Raymond Menashih Joseph, of 74, She-chuen Road, Shanghai, brother of the deceased. Deceased left net personalty in the Colony of \$304,800.

Colonel Cecil L'Estrange Malone, who recently toured in China and has since written a number of articles on the Nationalist movement, has been selected as prospective candidate for Northampton. He is described as one of the young aristocrats of the Labour movement. Son of a Yorkshire clergyman, he is a great-grandson of the Earl of Scarborough, and a cousin of the present Earl of Liverpool.

During the war he was Air Representative on the Supreme War Council at Versailles, afterwards Coalition M.P. for Leyton, when he got into serious trouble for paying an unauthorised visit to Soviet Russia. He is 38.

Mr. J. C. Joughin, senior constructor at Devonport Dockyard, who is succeeding Mr. J. S. Gillingham as chief constructor at Hong Kong Yard, commenced his service career as an engineer cadet at the R.N.E. College, Keyham, in 1896, and entered the Royal Corps of Naval Construction in 1904. He served for four years as an assistant constructor at Hong Kong. Leaving Hong Kong in July, 1910, he became constructive officer representing the Admiralty at the shipyards of Messrs. Hawthorn, Leslie, Hebburn, and Messrs. Palmers, Jarrow. He was subsequently in charge of the building of H.M.S. *Queen Mary* and then H.M.S. *Resolution*. In August 1914, he was instructed to prepare for sea the Turkish battleship *Sultan Osman*. Mr. Joughin's appointments included that of constructor on the staff of the Director of Warship Production, and in 1918 he was advanced to senior constructor, and became Warship Production Superintendent, N.E. District. It is understood that Mr. J. S. Gillingham is going to the Admiralty.

A NEW MAGAZINE.

THE RED TRIANGLE.

The "Red Triangle," the recently established organ of the Kowloon Y.M.C.A., is an interesting little magazine that by no means restricts its attentions to Association news. A description of a Chinese wedding ceremony, illustrated with sketches, is given by "R.H.T." The writer, however, apparently does not see much of romance in the picturesque custom, for he says "to many of us the sight seems grotesque and not a little barbaric."

The number also contains notes on the use of the camera, sporting news, an article on "cargoes," book reviews, and a number of verses, both original and quoted. The magazine is printed on good quality paper and is conspicuously illustrated. Its price is 20 cents a copy.

The Semper Triumphans Lodge (H.M.S. *Profisher*) of the International Order of Good Templars held a concert at St. Andrew's Church hall last night. The artists were: Bro. Marsh, Messrs. Lake and Bowler (songs); Bro. Pearson (ukelele); Mr. W. George (harp); Bro. Hurral president. There was a very large attendance of soldiers and sailors. At next Friday's meeting Bro. L. Thyer, A. Temp. I, will deliver a lecture on "How the Alcohol gets into Beer."

Mr. Locker-Lampson, Under-Secretary, Foreign Office, in the House of Commons, answering Mr. Montague (Islington, W., Lab.), who asked what was the cost of the Committee which was appointed to advise the Foreign Secretary as to the application of the Boxer indemnity fund, said:—The cost of the Committee up to December 31st last amounted to £16,188 14s. 4d. No salaries have been paid to the members of the Committee, but the following fees were paid to the members of the delegation to China under the chairmanship of Lord Willingdon:—Lord Willingdon, £2,500; plus for entertainment expenses, £500; Dame Adelaide Anderson, £1,500; Professor W. E. Soothill, £1,500; Dr. Hu Shih, £1,500; Dr. T. V. Ting, £1,500; Dr. C. C. Wang, £1,500; Mr. R. F. Johnston (secretary), £1,000. The balance of the expenditure was made up of travelling expenses, and subsistence allowances, incidental expenses, telegrams and stationery.

CROWN LAND SOLD.

GOES AT UPSET PRICE.

There was a sale of Crown Land at the offices of the Public Works Department, yesterday afternoon. This land, which is situated at Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2087, West of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1726, Mong Kok Tsui, has an area of 7,205 square feet.

It was sold at the upset price of \$18,012.50 to Andrew Harper and Co.

The purchaser has to pay the sum of \$25 for boundary stones required to define the Lot and \$30 for the Crown Lease which is for the term of 75 years with the option of a renewal.

CHINESE DOMINOES.

PI KAU GAMBLERS FINED.

Seven Chinese who were surprised by a detective in the act of gambling at Pi Kau appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday before Major C. Willson. The first and second defendants, who were defended by Mr. F. H. Loseby pleaded "not guilty."

A Chinese detective said that at 11 p.m. on April 28th he went to 22A, Aberdeen Street, ground floor. He saw about ten men gathered round a table playing Pi Kau. Two of the men were sitting on a bunk, and one was stacking up the dominoes and dealing them out to the other men. Before dealing this man threw a dice. Witness said that when the dominoes had been dealt the second defendant showed his hand, which had two and five pips respectively; the third defendant had seven and eight pips. The loser handed over \$3. The third defendant was asked for commission and gave 20 cents, which was placed on a tin box.

When the Inspector and police arrived the men scattered and the first and second defendants attempted to seize the money.

At the time of the raid there were 13 men in the floor, of whom five were sleeping. There was \$70 or \$80 in a box on the table added witness. The largest stake was \$4.

Mr. Loseby: Does the bank pass in this game?—Sometimes it does. Did the bank pass in this case?—Yes.

One of the defendants, who said he was in the act of dressing to go to work, was discharged; numbers one and two were fined \$25 each; and the other four, \$3 each.

HANKOW "REDS" ANXIOUS FOR RECONCILIATION WITH CHIANG KAI SHEK.

BORODIN OPPOSES THE PROPOSAL: FURTHER EVIDENCE OF SERIOUS DIFFERENCES.

FENGTIEN TROOPS' SUCCESSES IN HONAN.

Further evidence is to hand of the Hankow "Reds" being more than ever at variance. George Hsu Chien, Tang Yan Tat and others have been meeting secretly for the purpose of furthering a proposal to effect some sort of arrangement with the Nanking members of the Kuomintang and especially with Chiang Kai Shek so that he may proceed with his attack on Chiang Tso Lin.

Borodin is opposed to such a course and denounces those in sympathy with it. He is adamant in his irreconcilable attitude towards Chiang.

Meanwhile, Chang Tso Lin's Fengtien warriors are progressing successfully in Honan, which, of course, is the real cause of the Hankow "Reds" anxiety and eagerness to enter upon the said "arrangement" with Nanking and Chiang.

The news continues scanty as to what is happening on the Yangtze in the vicinity of Nanking and Pukow. Evidently, there is still a lull in military activities.

(Foh Tz: Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, May 1st.

In view of their isolated position in Hankow, Messrs. Tang Yan Tat, George Hsu Chien and other "Reds" secretly called a meeting to pass a resolution that steps should be taken to effect an arrangement with the Kuomintang, at least for the time being, in order that General Chiang Kai Shek may continue the Northern Expedition, against Chang Tso Lin.

Mr. Borodin is denouncing such action. According to Japanese sources the campaign led by General Tang Sang Chi against the Fengtienese in Honan has suffered serious losses. Tang himself has arrived at Sun-yang, to the north of Wusungkwan. His forces are now stationed in the southern portion of Honan and approximately number 60,000.

General Tang Sang Chi has declared his attitude against the "Reds" of Hankow, and says that ences of opinion existing between a split is evident in the difference of opinion between Tang Yan Tat and Chiang Fat Fuh. The former has fled to the Japanese Concession since his failure to seize the Hanyang Arsenal from Chang Fat Fuh.

PEKING, May 1st.

The Ankuochun Government has issued a public notice to the effect that in the Honan campaign the Fengtienese have made considerable advances, the vanguards having arrived in the vicinity of Sunyang on the 26th ultimo.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

British Warships Fired On.

SHANGHAI, May 1st.

The nationalist battery at Tungkow opened fire on the British warships, H.M.S. *Trial* and H.M.S. *Kiwoo* to-day. The *Kiwoo* was actually struck by three shells, but no casualties were suffered, and the damage was not important.

The *Kiwoo* replied with her main armament and her commander states that her fire struck the parapet of the gun emplacement with probable damage to guns and injuries to crews.

Shanghai May Day celebrations passed off quietly and reports from other districts are assuring.

Shots At The Japanese From Pukow.

NANKING, May 1st.

Except for a few rifle shots from Pukow, no attempt at interference was made when the Japanese decided to remove the hulk to a spot about two miles up river from Nanking.

Gunfire between Lion Hill and Pukow increased considerably to-day, though the Northerners on the Pukow side were firing ten shells to every one from Lion Hill.

Kiukiang Normal.

KIUKIANG, May 1st.

The removal of all oil stores has commenced, and the work has been proceeding smoothly without interference.

(Continued on next column).

"MAY DAY" IN ENGLAND.

PASSES QUIETLY THROUGH-OUT THE COUNTRY.

LONDON CELEBRATES IN THE USUAL WAY.

MR. COOK TO THE FORE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 2nd.

All reports hitherto received show that May Day passed off quietly everywhere.

London's demonstration took the usual form of a procession of thousands from the Embankment to Hyde Park, where a resolution pledging the gathering to secure the withdrawal of British troops from China.

Mr. Cook, in a speech, declared that "legal or illegal there will be another general strike," and he asked his audience to repeat his new slogan: "Clear out the blues" (Conservatives) and "Baldwin must go."

Simultaneously in Hyde Park was the scene of a meeting of 10,000 persons organised against Socialist Unions in their "Hands off Britain" campaign, which was addressed by a dozen Conservative members of the House of Commons, and a resolution warmly approving the Government's action in China and urging that the Trades Union Bill be passed with the least possible delay.

Five thousand persons attended a meeting in the Albert Hall in the evening, when Mr. Cook was the chief speaker.

A resolution was passed calling upon the Labour leaders to take steps, including a general strike, to bring about a dissolution of the Government.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

The Government And The Bill.

RUOBY, May 1st.

May Day demonstrations of protest against the Trades Union Bill were favoured with fine weather and attracted large crowds. Most of the demonstrations took the form of a procession followed by open-air meetings, at which opposition to the measure was registered. They passed off without untoward incident.

In a speech, delivered last night in Manchester, Lord Birkenhead declared that the Government were prepared at all costs to carry through the Bill, which comes up for second reading in the House of Commons to-morrow. He added that it was unlikely that in any of its principal points it would undergo much modification in its passage through Parliament.

BANK OF TAIWAN.

WHAT THE TAKAHASHI GOVERNMENT PROPOSED TO DO.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, May 2nd.

Ex-Premier Takahashi, in a statement, said that his Government had decided to permit the Bank of Japan to advance a loan of two hundred million yen to the Bank of Taiwan for the maintenance of various financial services in Formosa and the bank's credit abroad, the Government guaranteeing this sum.

FRENCH FLIGHT.

TO BRAZIL VIA CAPE VERDE ISLANDS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

AGADIR, May 2nd.

The French aviators, Captain de Saintroman and Lieut. Mouneyres, have left for St. Louis, Senegal, en route to the Cape Verde Islands, whence they will attempt to fly to Brazil.

THE MISSISSIPPI.

FLOODS CONTINUING ON THEIR DESTRUCTIVE COURSE.

THOUSANDS OF ADDITIONAL SQUARE MILES SUBMERGED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW ORLEANS, May 1st.

The predicted lowering of the waters of the Mississippi here as a result of the cutting of the levee at Poydras has not yet materialised, the level of the water this morning being as high as ever.

Engineers attribute this to the continued rise of the river, also high tides in the Gulf of Mexico preventing the water flowing to the sea as freely as normally. They have already used 4,000 pounds of dynamite, and are prepared to use another 4,000 if necessary.

The town of Vicksburg is in the greatest danger, the crest of the flood spilling over parts of the levee, but the citizens are making great efforts at stemming the flood.

The Arkansas River is pouring through a mile-long break in the levee, flooding five counties in south-eastern Arkansas and sweeping away everything in its path.

Statement By Mr. Hoover.

It is reported that the Mississippi embankment has burst at four points in the parish of Concordia, Louisiana, opposite Natchez, Mississippi.

The lives of hundreds of people who disregarded warnings are endangered.

Mr. Hoover (Minister of Commerce) in an address, broadcast to millions of people, said this was the worst flood in the history of America, and had ruined 200,000 persons, and inundated six million acres of land. It had caused damage estimated at \$3,200,000,000. Thousands of refugees must still be removed from the levees and other temporary refuges.

Motor-boats Brought By Train.

Coastguards with motor-boats have arrived by train from the Atlantic coast to help to rescue those stranded in the Mississippi delta.

Ather coastguards are entraining from the Great Lakes to explore the backwaters of the Arkansas and other rivers.

Additional Thousands Of Square Miles Of Flooded Area.

NEW ORLEANS, May 2nd.

Notwithstanding the breaches made in the levees in the north of the State, Louisiana has begun to feel the full force of the floods breaking the levees. This has added a further 3,000 square miles to the floods in the region of Concordia. The embankment of the Yazoo River broke at Eden, flooding 10,000 acres.

THE U.S.S. "COLORADO."

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, May 1st.

Eighteen tugs failed to pull off the U.S. battleship *Colorado*, despite the fact that many tons of fuel and oil were pumped out of the battleship and a large quantity of ammunition discharged into lighters.

LATER.

The U.S. battleship *Colorado* has been refloated. [An earlier New York message reported the *Colorado* ashore on a reef near Governor's Island.]

THE FAIRMONT COLLIERY DISASTER.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

FAIRMONT, W. Va., May 1st.

The fate of the entombed miners is still uncertain, but it is feared that there is little hope that any are alive. It is known that 15 are dead and 9 injured. All rescue work has been suspended from May 1st, while teams of men are frantically fighting the fire in the mine.

THE ROYAL ACADEMY BANQUET.

FURTHER REPORTS OF THE SPEECHES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUOBY, May 1st.

The one hundred and fifty-ninth exhibition of the Royal Academy of Arts was opened yesterday, and at the annual banquet last night, Prince Henry was the principal guest.

Several Cabinet Ministers attended, including the Air Minister, Sir Samuel Hoare, who responding to the toast of the Fighting Services, said that in the past four years, the Royal Air Force had doubled its strength in regard to the number of squadrons. Its training was more intensive, its equipment more powerful and although only a little more than half the size of the greatest air force in Europe, its development was satisfactory. He referred in particular to the work being done by the Air Force on the North-west Frontier of India, which had seldom been quieter. The Air Force was co-operating usefully there in defence work in wild and mountainous country, in which flying would have seemed impossible a few years ago.

Lord Jellicoe, replying for the Navy, referred to the Disarmament Question. He said that he entirely agreed with the terms of the answer sent by the British Government to President Coolidge's great message calling another conference on disarmament. It could not be forgotten that the geographical position of the British Empire and the length of the Empire communications put Britain in a peculiar position in regard to Naval Disarmament—different from every other country in the world. After recalling the immense reductions in ships, officers and men since the war, he said that if asked to advise on disarmament he would say: "Limit the size of your ships." One of the greatest mistakes at the Washington Conference was placing the size of cruisers at 10,000 tons. That immediately put nearly every British cruiser on the obsolete list and it enforced the standard of 10,000 tons for every cruiser built in future. There was no reason why a much lower limit should not be settled upon.

THE FRENCH PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO LONDON.

GUEST OF THE KING AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

CITY OF LONDON TO ENTERTAIN.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUOBY, May 1st.

Arrangements are practically complete for the visit to London of the French President, M. Doumergue, who will spend the 16th, 17th and 18th of the present month as the guest of the King at Buckingham Palace.

The President will be escorted across the Channel by six destroyers, and seaplanes will form an overhead guard of honour. In addition to the State engagements, M. Doumergue will be entertained by the City of London.

OBITUARY.

VISCOUNT COWDRAY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 1st.

The death is announced of Viscount Cowdray.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUOBY, May 1st.

Lord Cowdray, formerly Liberal Member of Parliament for Colchester, died suddenly this morning. His services, during the war, included the Presidency of the Air Board.

[Lord Cowdray was created a Viscount in 1916, being Baron Cowdray (1910), and Sir W. D. Pearson, Bart., as far back as 1894. He was born in 1858, and became head of the great contracting firm of S. Pearson and Son, Ltd., but his business interests were subordinate to his Parliamentary connections. Elected Liberal M.P. for Colchester in 1895, he sat until 1910. He was President of the Air Board in 1917, and also held the Premiership of the University of Aberdeen from 1918. He was made a Privy Councillor and G.C.V.O. in 1925. He leaves two sons, his heir being Major the Hon. W. H. Pearson, who sat as Liberal member for Eye from 1906 to 1918.]

COLD FEET.

"AMERICA CANNOT BE DEPENDENT UPON."

NANKING OUTRAGES PASSED OVER.

MR. RODNEY GILBERT INDICTS HIS COUNTRY.

America's failure to follow up the original demand for reparations for the Nanking outrages has called forth the following indictment of his country's immiseration in "petty politics" from Mr. Rodney Gilbert.

PEKING, April 20th.

Hitherto incredible Press reports of the American State Department's withdrawal from co-operation with the other Powers in exacting reparations for the outrages at Nanking and elsewhere are fully confirmed here in American official circles.

It is no secret that Mr. Kellogg's statement that America will participate in no punitive measures, as cabled, undercuts the American policy of withdrawal. This whole community, official as well as commercial, is disgusted and discouraged beyond expression.

A responsible authority, speaking for the Legation says that American officialdom in China has been abominably treated by the Washington Administration. Consular and diplomatic reports have furnished more than enough material to shape public opinion if the Government cared to face conditions honestly by giving out information at its disposal. Instead of which the Administration suppresses facts, denies knowledge of them in public utterances and smugly pretends to follow public opinion in its policy.

Deliberately Ignored.

Washington's replies to the strong and informative despatches from all branches of the American official service in China evade all issues raised and make recommendations which indicate that the despatches either are not read or are deliberately ignored. When these recommendations are challenged from China and discussion of the issues is thereby forced upon Washington the Administration quotes authorities in refutation of the despatches which are an insult to all American officialdom in this country.

The local Legation folk are also despondent about the tone of the American Press which, unguided by Washington despite the plethora of the latter's information, makes light of insults to the American flag, assaults upon Consuls, murder of American citizens, outrages upon American women, while continuing to see a hopeful uplift movement in "Nationalist" enterprise.

The local American community unites in the conviction that such indifference can indicate nothing but national decadence as the result of over prosperity. The last straw, in official estimation, is the suggestion to Washington from Admiral Williams that the Legation should be evacuated to Shanghai.

The Tientsin Surrender.

News of the initialing of the agreement for retrocession of the British Concession at Tientsin, which provides for a joint Council consisting of three British and three Chinese members with an officially appointed Chinese President enjoying powers of veto, is also badly received by the British community here, although the Tientsin commercial community takes it lying down.

In Legation circles it is believed, however, that Great Britain and Japan are now preparing to take strong action in the Yangtze, which may result in a renewed Anglo-Japanese Entente since America, by backing water, obviously cannot be depended upon as an ally.

It is known here that America was offered every opportunity and inducement to participate in measures based upon a clear-sighted appraisal of China's hopeless chaos, but that the Washington Government, waffled "hither and thither by petty politics, not only eventually withdrew but delayed effective action.

SHANGHAI RACES.

THE SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY'S RESULTS.

The Spring Meeting of the Shanghai Race Club opened yesterday, the situation being sufficiently tranquil to allow the responsible authorities in the Settlement to sanction the event.

Owing to the fact that the official handbook and programme of the Shanghai Race Club had not come to hand yesterday—probably owing to the fact that the decision to hold the meeting was not arrived at until the last minute—it is not possible to give names and distance, etc., of the different races, or the owners of ponies, weights, etc. By courtesy of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, however, we are enabled to give the brief cabled results of the first day's racing.

Messrs. Brand, Maitland, Pote Hunt and Encarnacao were the most successful riders, each bringing in two firsts. Maitland had two seconds and a third to his credit, Brand one second and four thirds, Pote Hunt one second and two thirds, Encarnacao one second and one third.

In the 5th race there was a dead heat and in the 12th race record time was established.

THE RESULTS.

Race 1.
Christmas Chimes (Mr. Brand) 1
Canadian (Mr. Sokoloff) 2
Moonlit Eve (Mr. McBain) 3
Time: 2mins. 4.5secs.

Race 2.
Goroon (Mr. Crockham) 1
Vetereck (Mr. Sokoloff) 2
Three Fours (Mr. Brand) 3
Time: 59.2secs.

Race 3.
Winter Eve (Mr. Maitland) 1
Hyde Park (Mr. McBain) 2
White Poppy (Mr. Pote Hunt) 3
Time: 1min. 49.4secs.

Race 4.
Firefly (Mr. Maitland) 1
Don Phillipa (Mr. Encarnacao) 2
The Snake Bird (Mr. Brand) 3
Time: 1min. 30.2secs.

Race 5.
New Zealand (Mr. Dallas) 1
Wheatcroft (Mr. Bremner) 2
Firestone (Mr. Maitland) 3
The Hopeful Bird (Mr. Brand) 4
Time: 2mins. 38.4secs.

Race 6.
Perseus (Mr. Stangland) 1
Kilmory (Mr. Pote Hunt) 2
Mad Hatter (Mr. Encarnacao) 3
Time: 3mins. 14.4secs.

Race 7.
Tabby Cat (Mr. Encarnacao) 1
Capacity (Mr. Pote Hunt) 2
Western Moor (Mr. Pote Hunt) 3
Time: 3mins. 19.1secs.

Race 8.
Morning Flight (Mr. Pote Hunt) 1
Poppy Land (Mr. Dallas) 2
The Brambling (Mr. McBain) 3
Time: 2mins. 3.3secs.

Race 9.
Punch (Mr. Encarnacao) 1
Black Sand (Mr. Maitland) 2
The Gannet (Mr. McBain) 3
Time: 2mins. 7.3secs.

Race 10.
Mark Over (Mr. Pote Hunt) 1
The Innocent Bird (Mr. Brand) 2
MacNab (Mr. Pollock) 3
Time: 1min. 22secs.

Race 11.
Delight (Mr. Moller) 1
Goodland (Mr. Dallas) 2
Kingeroff (Mr. Bremner) 3
Time: 2mins. 42.2secs.

Race 12.
Warrenfield (Mr. McBain) 1
Ormonde (Mr. Crockham) 2
Gleneagles (Mr. Brand) 3
Time: 1min. 59.4secs.
The above is a record time.

Race 13.
The Duke (Mr. Brand) 1
Atair (Mr. Maitland) 2
Ashcroft (Mr. Bremner) 3
Time: 2mins. 10.1secs.

MALTA AND "WHITE SLAVE" TRAFFIC.

LOCAL PREMIER'S INDIGNANT DENIAL.

MALTA.
The Prime Minister was asked in Parliament here what steps he was taking in connection with the charge made by Mr. Monte Bayly, national organiser of the Variety Artists' Federation, in a statement to *The Daily Mail* on March 10th, that:

"Malta is one of the blackest spots in the world, and has been responsible for many girls being caught in the net of the white slave organisation."

He replied that the statement was wicked and false. Only forty-five artists had come from England in the last three years, and with their agreements.

Artists arriving in Malta had regular passports and were subject to the most careful supervision. On a previous occasion Mr. Bayly had shown hostility towards Malta.

LAWN TENNIS.

H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT.

RAIN INTERFERES ONCE
MOBE

PROGRAMME RE-ARRANGED.

Matches arranged for yesterday in the H.K.C.C. tennis tournament had to be postponed owing to the rain and unless we get good weather during the next few days, it will not be possible to conclude the tournament on Friday, as planned.

Yesterday's matches have been brought forward for to-day and the semi-final between T. Honda and S. A. Rumjahn fixed for to-day will be played to-morrow.

The schedules for today and to-morrow are as follows:

TO-DAY.

Open Singles.

Semi-final:—Ng Sze Kwong v. H. D. Rumjahn.

Club Singles.

Semi-final:—F. A. Redmond v. G. W. Sewell.

3rd Round:—S. E. Green (holder) v. E. Grimble; L. Forster v. Major W. B. Stevenson.

Handicap Singles "A."

2nd Round:—H. R. Rumington (rec. 15/1) v. L. M. S. Lloyd (rec. 4/6); C. C. Stark (rec. 3/6) v. Capt. E. G. Howard (rec. 1/6).

Handicap Singles "B."

Semi-final:—R. G. Wilkerson (rec. 15/1) v. J. S. Kennedy (rec. 15).

TO-MORROW.

Open Singles.

Semi-final:—T. Honda v. S. A. Rumjahn.

Handicap Doubles.

4th Round:—F. A. Redmond and Forster (owe 15/3) v. E. J. R. Mitchell and W. Hyde (owe 1/6).

Mixed Doubles.

Semi-final:—Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stark (rec. 5/6) v. Dr. R. E. and Mrs. Tottenham (owe 15/3).

THE PRESENT POSITION.

Since the placings were published last week, considerable progress has been made in the tournament and the following summary of the position in each event should be of interest.

OPEN SINGLES.

SEMI-FINALISTS.

- (1) Ng Sze Kwong v.
- (2) H. D. Rumjahn.
- (3) T. Honda v.
- (4) S. A. Rumjahn.

OPEN DOUBLES.

- (1) T. Honda and H. Akiyama v.
- (2) H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn.

CLUB SINGLES.

- (1) S. E. Green v. E. Grimble (winner to enter semi-final).
- (2) L. Forster v. Major W. B. Stevenson (winner to enter semi-final).

- (3) G. W. Sewell, semi-finalist v.
- (4) F. A. Redmond.

- (1) H. Owen Hughes (rec. 5/6) v.
- (2) C. C. Stark (rec. 3/6) or
- (3) Capt. E. G. Howard (rec. 1/6).

- (3) H. R. Rumington (rec. 15/1) or
- (4) L. M. S. Lloyd (rec. 4/6) v.

- (4) R. M. Henderson (owe 2/6).
- (5) L. Forster (owe 5/6) v.
- (6) Dr. D. J. Valentine.

- (7) G. W. Sewell (owe 4/6) v.
- (8) R. K. Valentine (rec. 4/6).

- (1) R. G. Wilkerson (rec. 15/1) v.
- (2) J. S. Kennedy (rec. 15).

- (1) J. R. Collis (rec. 5/6) to meet
- (2) winner of above.

- (1) Semi-finalists: S. E. Green
- (2) and D. S. Green (owe 3/6).

- (2) R. M. Henderson and A. Brerley (owe 3/6) to the
- (3) winners of Major W. B. Stevenson (owe 1/6) v. Dr. W. L. Thomas and G. W. Sewell (owe 2/6).

- (3) Semi-finalists: E. J. R. Mitchell and W. Hyde (owe 1/6)
- (4) F. A. Redmond and L. Forster (owe 15/3).

- (1) Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stark (rec. 5/6) v.
- (2) Dr. R. E. and Mrs. Tottenham (owe 1/6).

- (3) H. Owen Hughes and Mrs. M. Hall (owe 1/6).
- (4) Mr. and Mrs. E. Grimble (owe 1/6).

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BOXING.

V.R.C. TOURNAMENT.

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE.

Practically all arrangements are completed for the Amateur Boxing Tournament, open to Amateur Clubs, H.M. Services and Local School Boys, which is to be staged in the gymnasium of the Victoria Recreation Club to-morrow, Thursday and Saturday evenings.

A slight alteration has been made in the times of commencing. There will be only one session to-morrow evening, beginning 8.30, instead of two sessions, at 8 and 9 p.m. On Thursday night there will be two sessions, beginning at 8 o'clock and 9 o'clock respectively. On Saturday night there is only one session, beginning at 9 o'clock.

Fights And Contestants.

The entries, as mentioned yesterday have been quite good. The total number is 66, and of these 36 compete in the men's section. Many of the competitors are from the Camerons and the King's Own Scottish Borderers. The Schools have responded fairly well to the invitation and 38 boys have entered.

There will be, in all, 57 fights. Of these 15 will be staged on the opening night, 15 at the first session on Thursday, and 16 at the second session. The 16 fights will be divided on Saturday night. The semi-finals will be mostly fought at the second session on Thursday night.

The entries work out as under:—

Open Events.

Bantamweights, men under 8 stone 6 lbs.—6.

Featherweights, men under 9 stone 4 lbs.—4.

Lightweights, men under 9 stone 12 lbs.—7.

Welterweights, men under 10 stone 7 lbs.—10.

Middleweights, men under 11 stone 6 lbs.—8.

Heavyweights, catchweights.—4.

For Schools Of The Colony.

Bantamweights, boys under 65 lbs.—9.

Lightweights, boys 65 lbs. to 75 lbs.—4.

Middleweights, boys 75 lbs. to 90 lbs.—6.

Heavyweights, boys 90 lbs. to 115 lbs.—1.

On Saturday night there is in addition to the Tournament finals a special ten-round contest, but the names of the contestants are not yet available.

The Tournament is under the patronage of H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G., R.N., the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern (Chairman of the V.R.C.), Flying-Captain V. P. Calder, Lieut.-Col. E. B. Ferrers, D.S.O. (commanding the 1st Camerons), Lieut.-Col. L. J. Conyn, C.M.G., D.S.O. (commanding the King's Own Scottish Borderers), the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Mr. J. Scott Harston, and Mr. R. M. Dyer (Chairman of the Hong Kong Boxing Association), under the patronage of Mr. W. Logan, are acting as judges and referees.

THE QUARRY BAY CUP.

As reported yesterday, the Quarry Bay Cup was won by No. 7, City Platoon at Volunteer Headquarters on Saturday afternoon, but below are given fuller details with regard to this competition. Only the Scottish Company may compete in this contest, and points are awarded for attendance at parades and camps during the training season 1926-27, march past, squad drill and turn-out, fire control and guard mounting.

Maximum points obtainable numbered 300, 100 being awarded the winning platoon under each test of the competition, 50 to the runners-up and 25 points to the third.

Points obtained by the three competing platoons were as follows:

No. 7 No. 6 No. 5

(City) (Loon) (Koo)

Attendance 50 100 25

March Past 100 25 50

Squad Drill 100 50 25

Fire Control 25 50 100

Guard Mounting 100 50 25

375 275 225

The fire control test took place at the miniature range and consisted of an N.C.O. taking up a target and giving the range order for firing.

The guard mounting test was extremely well done and the winning platoon of No. 7 platoon aroused very favourable comment from those present.

The judge in the fire control test was Lieut. Clarke of the King's Own Scottish Borderers. Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Major P. A. Wolfe-Murray, and Regimental Sergeant Major Parkinson were the judges in the other tests. The award was taken by Lieut.-Col. Bird, and officers present included Captain D. G. Logan, 2nd Lieut. A. Mackenzie (No. 5 platoon), Lieut. K. S. Morrison (No. 7 platoon) and 2nd Lieut. G. Dunoon (No. 6 platoon).

BRITISH FOOTBALL.

ON THE DOWN GRADE?

SPEED BEFORE SKILL.

BALL CONTROL IGNORED.

[BY JACK BOYER.]

There was much diversity of opinion when the change in the off-side rule was introduced as to whether it would benefit the game or not, and there is no doubt that the quality of football played to-day is not better than, if as good as, it was before the war. The "giants" of the past, in nearly every instance, are of the opinion that the game has deteriorated. Teams playing in semi-final ties, however, may be excused if their form is erratic owing to the strain on the nerves of the players, and it is to this cause I attribute the failure of the four sides in these games to live up to their reputations.

The great Steve Bloomer, who saw the Arsenal's match with Southampton, emphatically stated that the play in this tie could not be compared with that when he was in his prime. He deplored the fact that with very few exceptions there are no players to-day who are devotees of the "solo" dribble; most of them would much rather part with the ball directly it reaches their toes.

And Bloomer is only one of many past lights who take the view that cleverness and skill have been cast to the winds in favour of mere speed.

Senseless Training.

The public blame the officials of the bigger clubs for this decadence, for it is their duty to maintain the excellence of their teams by a systematic commonsense form of training.

The all-important factor in this is ball control; without which a man cannot play football. It would astonish the public if they were to take a peep at some of the humorously labelled "training" methods adopted by the clubs.

Full training starts on Tuesdays, and one method adopted is for the players to take half a dozen old balls out and shoot away at goal. This form of "training" is absolutely futile and is usually associated with clubs who year after year are to be found at the foot of their League table.

One player, whose form this season with a London club has been a revelation to all concerned, only the other day confessed to me that he was a stone and a half heavier than he ought to be. Yet his football has been magnificent, for the simple reason that he has perfected the art of ball control. During a match he is rarely out of a trap, but he is worth half a dozen players whose only asset is speed, and who upset nearly every combined movement.

Unless a player is a born footballer, it is only by sheer hard work that he becomes a great success in the game.

I well remember the hours of useful training put in by a certain wing forward who rose from a village team to play for All-England. After his colleagues had dressed and left the ground, this player could be seen running up and down the track for hours on end dribbling a tennis ball.

He became so clever with the ball that his form soon attracted the notice of the people who matter.

The Great Fault.

In English football to-day the chief fault is that the ball is too often in the air; in fact, some games I have witnessed this season might easily be described as "air ball" and not football, so often was the ball off the ground.

My sports master, a well-known figure in amateur football, taught his pupils first of all to kick with the instep and keep the ball on the ground. If this rule is carried out the ground work has been well laid for the perfection of ball control.

It is interesting to watch the great veterans still playing to-day, men like Buchan, Clem Stephenson, and Andy Wilson, and to see the ease with which they baffle defenders many years their juniors by their cleverness. It is from men such as these that the younger type of professional must frame his style; perfection will never be obtained by merely "booting" a ball about at random.

A team who have displayed exceptionally good form during the season naturally does not require the same amount of ball practice in training as a side who have failed.

The Middlebrough players, for instance, never see a football except at match time. The number of goals they have scored proves that they have perfected their game.

ADMIRAL MARK KERR'S
REMINISCENCES.HUMOROUS INCIDENTS IN
CROWDED LIFE.

To but few men are given the opportunities to see the world and its great men and women that have been enjoyed by Admiral Mark Kerr, who began his career as a naval cadet in the old *Britannia* in June, 1877, and in the course of his eventful life has been brought into close touch with some of the rules of the earth.

He commanded the British Naval Forces in the Adriatic during part of the war, and, besides attaining high rank in the senior service, became major-general in the Royal Air Force.

A narrative of his experiences he has embodied in an autobiography which bears the comprehensive title "Land, Sea, and Air" (Longmans, Green & Co., Ltd., London, 21s.). In the course of his story he describes interesting adventures, and traces the many changes in the personnel and material of the service in which he has spent the greater part of his life. He also deals with phases of the Great War, and touches upon various controversial topics.

But it is his wealth of anecdote that will appeal most to the general reader, and he tells his stories in a simple, homely style, albeit some of them relate to Monarchs and Princes.

Most Beautiful Woman.

Of the Grand Duchess Serge, of Russia, he writes:

"I always think that the Grand Duchess Serge was the most beautiful woman I have ever seen, and I have invariably found that other men who have seen her also put her above any other beauty that they have met. She was tall, with a beautiful figure, lovely, luxuriant auburn hair, perfect features and teeth, a complexion like a Romney masterpiece, and the expression of an angel."

The other individual who profoundly impressed him was Prince Louis of Battenberg, for whom he expresses an admiration which all who were shipmates with that great sailor will share. Of this Royal sailor Admiral Kerr writes:

Prince Louis Of Battenberg.

"Amongst the great personalities that I have met during my career, the most lovable was Prince Louis of Battenberg, afterwards Admiral of the Fleet, the Marquis of Milford Haven. To his guidance and teaching I owe more than I can ever express."

The author also pays a tribute to the late Admiral Sir Percy Scott, whom, he says, he had to thank for many things, and "who also infected me with his passionate thirst and ingenuity for practical gunnery."

Ways Of Camels.

As the result of observations when on a trip to Sinkat, while flag-lieutenant on the Mediterranean Station, Admiral Kerr has an interesting comment on the characteristics of camels.

"The camel," he remarks, "is a disgruntled animal. If he can annoy you he will. If you have just got off to sleep after some time of insomnia, he will at once notice it, and will stealthily approach, and, after folding himself up, on the ground, will stretch his long neck until his mouth is within a foot of your ear, and then, in a loud, bubbling, raucous voice, he will commence to tell you all about that sore back that he got that afternoon. This is made additionally unpleasant, because the breath of a camel has not the scent of the spices of Araby."

Battle Practice Incident.

The author throws an interesting sidelight on the subject of battle practice, as the result of an incident while he was serving in the *Implacable* in the Mediterranean.

"Our battle practice was a great success," he writes. "The *Implacable* was, of course, a dark horse, and when we had finished and returned to harbour I received a signal from the Commander-in-Chief congratulating the *Implacable* on doing the best turret firing of the year. The Commander-in-Chief, Sir Charles Drury, afterwards told me that the *Implacable* would not appear before the *Dreadnought* in the list, because it had been decreed from home that the *Dreadnought*, being the first of a new type which was receiving a great deal of criticism, was, at all costs, to appear at the top of the turret shooting. Consequently, when the official document was published, the *Implacable* mysteriously lost some of her hits."

Juliland And After.

The volume contains many good stories, some about the German Emperor and King Constantine, but it also includes some serious chapters. In the course of a chapter on the Battle of Juliland, the author writes:—

"The surrender of the German Fleet at the end of the war was the direct result of Sir John Jellicoe's masterly handling of a difficult problem, and after Juliland the surface of the sea was never disturbed by any German ships outside waters a few miles from their own coast. The late war has proved what many people thought before—that blockade by modern battleships is no longer possible, and therefore the present type of battleship's occupation is gone."

Admiral Kerr also devotes considerable space to describing the origin and development of the Air Force.

AMERICA'S NASTIEST CULT.

SOME MORMON REMINISCENCES.

STILL SEEKING TO TRAP
ENGLISH GIRLS.

A recent announcement in the *Leicester Mail* to the effect that the Mormons were about to launch an intensive campaign at Leicester has aroused considerable interest—an interest which one hopes took to vigorous methods with those gentry.

Of all religions Mormonism has undoubtedly created more excitement than any other religion which people have tried to foist on the British public. Many remarkable stories can be told, and not the least interesting was that told by Mr. Alfred Pitman, telegraphist of the *Leicester Mail*.

Mr. Pitman's grandfather, Mr. Fred Arthur Pitman, of Derby, went to Salt Lake City 40 years ago, and was there for several years. He was young at the time and was attracted to membership of the Mormon Church.

Polygamy Divinely Ordained!

Soon after he became a member, the Elders of the Mormon Church urged him to become a polygamist and take unto himself another wife in addition to the one he migrated with from England.

Mr. Pitman strongly resented the suggestion, but the elders were persistent, telling him that he was not carrying out the wishes of the Mormon Church by refusing to comply with a system which in their opinion was divinely ordained.

Matters got to a high pinnacle of excitement and Mr. Pitman was summoned to appear before the Elders of the Church in one of the Wards of Salt Lake City.

Not lacking in courage, although admittedly apprehensive as to what fate might be his, Mr. Pitman said he would go, but his wife dragged the cup of coffee which he had just before the meeting was to begin and Mr. Pitman remained blithely unconscious of the meeting until after its termination.

Afterwards Mr. Pitman thanked his wife for what she had done and informed the Elders of the Mormon Church that he had decided to return to Christianity, in which he had been brought up.

A few nights afterwards he noticed a number of Mormons armed with sticks, converging upon his dwelling. He immediately locked the door, closed the shutters of the windows from inside and awaited events.

A Fight Of It.

Shortly afterwards he heard a number of them on the thatched roof of his cottage and determined to make a fight of it. He took his gun from the wall and fired a bullet through the roof, one of the Mormons being wounded.

Despite this act for which Mr. Pitman was, of course, criminally responsible—and no doubt justifiably so—no local action was taken against him but his friends suggested that as he knew all of the secrets of the Mormon Church and refused to comply with them it would be better for him if he left the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Pitman returned to England thankful that their experiences had had no untoward result and immediately became anti-Mormon stalwarts in this country.

Mr. Edwin Wilkinson, of Leicester, writes as follows:—

"May I point out that Mr. Flinder—a Mormon Elder—made statements to your representative which are open to contradiction."

"He stated, 'Polygamy has not been practised in Utah since 1890.' In 1907—seventeen years after, Elder Morton admitted it was then practised."

"He says: 'The reason polygamy started was because there were very few people in Utah. Polygamy was practised and became a doctrine of the Mormon Church before they went to Utah. (See 132. Book of Covenants. Revelation through Joseph the Seer on the Eternity of the Marriage Covenant, including Plurality of Wives).'"

"Instead of saying there is no need for polygamy now; he might have said it was a violation of American law."

"Books sold in England teach polygamy. It is in their 'Doctrine and Covenants.' Let me give a quotation from another of the books sold by them in this country:—"

"Again it was the law of the ancient priesthood, and is again restored, that a man who is faithful in all things may by the word of the Lord receive and secure for himself for time and eternity more than one wife."

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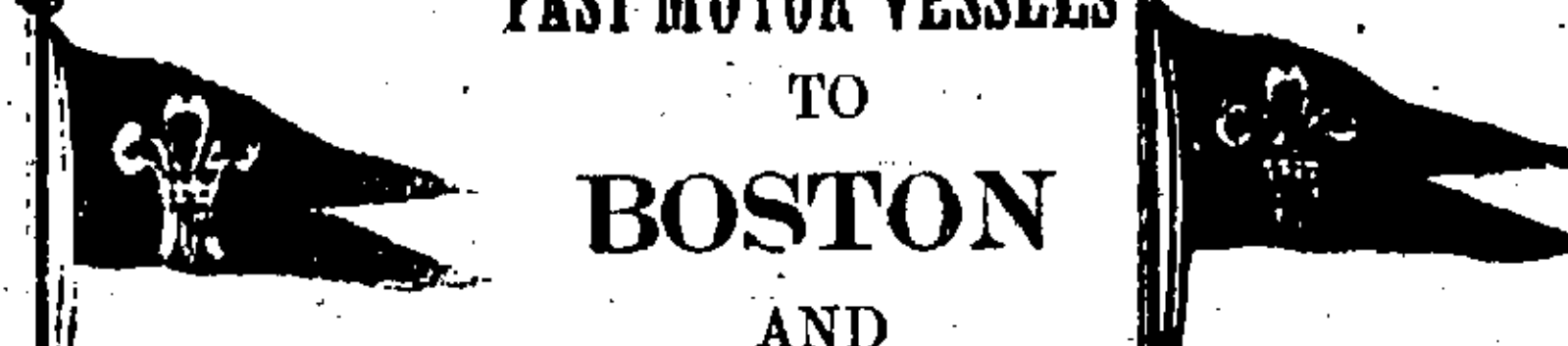
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ARRIVALS.

April 30th.
Broad Arrow, American str., 4,780 tons, Capt. R. C. Doull, from San Pedro, with 11,000 tons of kerosene, from Laidlaw & Co. Standard Oil Co.
May 1st.
Benjamin, British str., 3,071 tons, Capt. W. F. Riddle, from London via Singapore. The latter port she left on April 28th, with a general cargo, lying at North Point—Gibb, Livingstone & Co.
Hayward, British str., 1,363 tons, Capt. J. S. Thomson, from Penang and Singapore. The latter port she left on April 25th, with firewood and general cargo, amounting to 450 tons, lying at buoy No. C45—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.
Hakodadi Maru, Japanese str., 3,226 tons, Capt. K. Takada, from Calcutta via Singapore. The latter port she left on April 24th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.
Helikon, Norwegian str., 1,230 tons, Capt. J. Jorgensen, from Bangkok and Kohsichang, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C41—Thorsen & Co.
Japan, Swedish str., 3,202 tons, Capt. E. Norrman, from Gothenburg via Singapore. The latter port she left on April 24th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B53—Gilman & Co.
Katsura Maru, Japanese str., 905 tons, Capt. Y. Mishima, from Keelung, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. C49—M.S.K.
Kalgan, British str., 1,550 tons, Capt. D. H. Martin, from Bangkok and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B11—B. & S.
Katsu Maru, Japanese str., 918 tons, Capt. K. Yageta, from Takao and Swatow, with sundries, lying at O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.
Montague, American str., 3,729 tons, Capt. Ole Lee, from San Francisco and Manila, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A26—Swayne Hoyt Inc.
Pan Yang, Chinese str., 729 tons, Capt. Leung Nang, from Kwang Chow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C43—Teen Shing & Co.
Sungay, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. W. Lumsden, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B48—B. & S.
Sunkong, Chinese str., 322 tons, Capt. Lai Kwong, from Kwang Chow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C44—Man Yick S.S. Co.
Yingchow, British str., 1,210 tons, Capt. C. P. Miller, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B9—B. & S.
April 2nd.
Delta, British str., 8,087 tons, Capt. A. J. Morton, from Shanghai, which port she left on April 29th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Mackenzie & Co.
President Jefferson, American str., 8,443 tons, Capt. F. R. Nichols, from Manila, which port she left on April 30th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—American Mail Line.
Sinking, British str., 1,616 tons, Capt. D. Williams, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12—B. & S.

DEPARTURES.

European passengers per s.s. *Arctura*, on April 30th, for Australia—Mr. and Mrs. K. McIntyre, Mrs. H. D. Iffe and two children, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. C. Rowley, Miss Rowley, Mrs. O. Herkley, Miss D. Pittard, Miss A. Webber, Mr. P. V. Cotter, Mr. J. Baxter, Miss P. Haddock, Miss Hughes, Miss Cooper, Miss Armfield, Miss Mannett.
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June 15	Seattle	Geo. Washington	July 13	P'mth-C'brg July 21
June 21	San Francisco	Homeric	July 23	C'brg-S'mpta July 29
June 28	Seattle	Leviathan	Aug. 1	P'mth-C'brg Aug. 7
July 5	San Francisco	Majestic	Aug. 6	C'brg-S'mpta Aug. 12
July 13	Seattle	Berengaria	Aug. 10	C'brg-S'mpta Aug. 16
July 19	San Francisco	Leviathan	Aug. 20	P'mth-C'brg Aug. 26

CLEARANCES.

May 2nd.
Aeneas, for Shanghai.
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Delta, for Singapore.
Derwent, for Hoikow.
Eiger, for Takao.
Elbridge, for Manila.
Hawking, for Swatow.
Hong Kong, for Canton.
Katsura Maru, for Canton.
Katsuragawa Maru, for Hongkong.
Katsu Maru, for Canton.
Shingo Maru, for Shanghai.
Sinking, for Canton.
Sungay, for Amoy.
Sunkong, for Kwang Chow Wan.
Sawa Maru, for Shanghai.
Tak Hing, for Amoy.
Tjikembang, for Shanghai.
Yann, for Canton.
Yingchow, for Swatow.

PASSENGERS.

Per s.s. *President Jefferson*, from Manila, on May 2nd—For Hong Kong: Mr. E. T. Dayton, Mrs. O. Davis, Master R. Davis, Mr. C. Ellis, Mr. J. Hair, Mr. A. H. Horowitz, Mr. R. A. Leake, Miss M. Lopez, Miss A. Lindsley, Mr. E. W. MacReady, Mrs. L. Malinkoff, Mrs. M. S. Polin, Miss T. M. Reichle, Mrs. E. T. Singer, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Stower, Miss Kathleen Stower, Mrs. M. E. Tinney, Mr. and Mrs. H. Watling, Master D. Watling, Mr. F. W. Zwagers.
Among passengers passing through on their way to Shanghai were: Mr. J. H. Blackstone, Mr. E. J. Brown, Mr. F. J. Bahr, Mr. J. P. Broders, Mr. E. H. Davis, Master H. Davis, Mrs. W. F. Hartigan, Miss H. Kimball, Mrs. J. J. Patterson, Master J. J. Patterson, Mrs. M. U. Savin, Mrs. C. D. Wilson.

TO SEATTLE AND VICTORIA VIA SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

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PRESIDENT JEFFERSON ... Wednesday, May 4th, 9 a.m.
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PRESIDENT TAFT ... Wednesday, June 21st
PRESIDENT JEFFERSON ... Wednesday, June 29th
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PRESIDENT MONROE ... Tuesday, June 7th, 8.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT WILSON ... Tuesday, June 21st, 8.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT VAN BUREN ... Tuesday, July 5th, 8.00 a.m.
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PRESIDENT GARFIELD ... May 10th, 8.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT CLEVELAND ... May 10th, 6.00 p.m.
PRESIDENT HARRISON ... May 24th, 8.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT MADISON ... May 24th, 6.00 p.m.

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SHANGHAI	... "WAISHING"	Sunday, 8th May, at 7 a.m.
TIENTSIN	... "HANGSANG"	Sunday, 8th May, at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAO via SWATOW	... "MAUSANG"	Monday, 9th May, at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	... "MINGSANG"	Wednesday, 11th May, at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAO via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	... "FOOKSANG"	Thursday, 12th May, at 7 a.m.
KOBE via AMOY & MOJI	... "CHEONGSHING"	Saturday, 14th May, at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	... "LAISANG"	Saturday, 14th May, at 3 p.m.
TSINGTAO via SWATOW	... "KWONGSANG"	Sunday, 15th May, at 7 a.m.
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EMPERESS OF ASIA	July 13	July 16	July 19	July 22	July 25
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 9	Aug. 12	Aug. 15
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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront
News, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

LOCAL IMPORTS NORMAL.
THROUGH CARGOES HEAVY.

Freights entering the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were normal. Through cargoes, manifested on 11 steamers, were heavier than local freights. There were 14,935 tons of freights imported. Of these, 4,687 tons were discharged from 7 British vessels. The two best returns were shown by the Swedish steamer *Japan* and the *Aeneas* (British). The former arriving from Gothenburg and Singapore brought 3,257 tons, and the latter steamer from Glasgow and Singapore was responsible for 2,200 tons.

Through freights amounted to 26,163 tons. Five British steamers accounted for 8,380 tons. Heavy returns were shown by the s.s. *Japan* (Swedish) from Gothenburg and Singapore which carried 6,587 tons. The *Hakodate Maru* carried 5,074 tons from Calcutta and Singapore, and 5,217 tons on the s.s. *Aeneas* (British) from Glasgow and Singapore.

During the period under review, there were 17 arrivals and 8 departures. The nationalities were: British, 3 arrivals and 1 departure; American, 3 arrivals; Norwegian, 1 arrival; French, 1 departure; Japanese, 3 arrivals and 2 departures; Swedish, 1 arrival and 1 departure; Chinese, 2 arrivals and 2 departures; Dutch, 1 departure.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Agapenor (Blue Funnel), due May 28th.

Automedon (Blue Funnel), due May 20th.

Cubana (Melchers), due to-day.

Dezau (Melchers), due May 19th.

Devotion (Blue Funnel), due June 2nd.

Empress of Asia (C.P.R.), due May 9th.

Empress of Canada (C.P.R.), due May 16th.

Fulda (Melchers), due May 31st.

Helorus (Blue Funnel), due June 23rd.

Izumi (Blue Funnel), due July 3rd.

Kalyan (P. & O.), due June 9th.

Kashmir (P. & O.), due July 7th.

Kashmir (P. & O.), due May 12th.

Kidderpore (P. & O.), due to-day, about 8 p.m.

Macedonia (P. & O.), due June 23rd.

Machao (Blue Funnel), due June 12th.

Mantua (P. & O.), due May 26th.

Mirapore (P. & O.), due May 10th.

Nellere (P. & O.), due June 23rd.

Novara (P. & O.), due June 28th.

Orestes (Blue Funnel), due June 3rd.

Patrolus (Blue Funnel), due June 22nd.

Phenitus (Blue Funnel), due May 11th.

Preveser (Jensen), due May 16th.

Sonthea (B.I. & Apcar), due May 15th.

Sarpedon (Blue Funnel), due May 25th.

St. Albans (E. & A.), due June 6th.

Takliwa (B.I. & Apcar), due May 8th.

Tanda (E. & A.), due May 7th.

Tantalus (Blue Funnel), due May 11th.

Tilawa (B.I. & Apcar), due this afternoon.

WATERFRONT NEWS

S.S. "HOI PING'S" MISHAP
AT PITING ISLAND.

A BATCH OF HARBOUR
OFFENDERS FINED.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

Those who lived in waterfront houses were able to pass a pleasant few hours yesterday watching the hurry and scurry of the sampan folks. The intermittent downpour of rain chased the sampans hurriedly to shelter after they had been lured out of it by the fickle sun. Little urchins with their jackets soaked in water played football on the Praya East reclamation; in another pastime, a baseball game was being played. The clubs used were odd chunks of wood and the ball was of the 5 cent kind. Wharf coolies were in a sour mood and said a lot of nasty about the weather. The passengers on the s.s. *President Jefferson* and the *Delta* were also annoyed, but a few plucky ones donned their mackintoshes and explored Hong Kong. "Well, if we ain't going to see Hong Kong dry, we'll see it wet," said a cheery New Yorker. Longshoremen quite agreed with them that the weather should have been more friendly especially as he to do a job of work despite the muggy warmth.

Possession of Ammunition.

The Chinese passenger of the *Empress of Asia*, who was arrested and charged with the possession of 3,000 rounds of ammunition without a permit from the Captain Superintendent of Police, has been fined \$1,000 by Mr. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy. Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for defendant and pleaded guilty to a technical offence. He pointed out the difference between the arms smuggler and the person who carried arms for his own protection. The defendant, he stated was 49 years of age, and had been in Vancouver since he was 15 years of age. He was only able to read and write a little English, and no Chinese. Defendant had been asked to take some ammunition back to his native village because of trouble, but, said Mr. Lo, although the contraband was found in the false bottom of a trunk, the defendant was not an old hand at the smuggling game.

Passengers On The "Delta."

The P. & O. liner *Delta* arrived here yesterday from Kobe. She carried 61 first class and 77 second class passengers. The major portion of the passengers were for London with a few for Marseilles and Singapore. There were in all about 30 passengers disembarking at Hong Kong. The *Delta* is due to leave to-day.

Passengers From Manila.

The American Mail liner *President Jefferson* arrived here yesterday morning from Manila and brought 23 saloon passengers for Hong Kong, 12 for Shanghai and 13 for Kobe; 1 for Yokohama and 39 for Seattle. The liner also brought 1,255 tons freights for local discharge and carried 3,000 tons for other ports.

S.S. "Hoi Ping" Aground.

The s.s. *Hoi Ping* plying between Hong Kong, Swatow and Hoihow went aground at Piting Island on April 27th. She was not on the rocks for very long and came back to Hong Kong about three days ago. She left on her scheduled run yesterday morning.

Two British vessels which came into port yesterday reported having received S.O.S. messages from her. The s.s. *Hang Sang*, with Captain Sneddon in command, while on her way from Tsingtao to Swatow received the first message on April 27th, at 11.20 p.m., from a ship thought to be the s.s. *Hai Ping*. The message stated that she was ashore at Piting Island, in Lat. 22.53 N., Long. 122.31 E. Before the *Hang Sang* could proceed to the stranded vessel's assistance another message was flashed out to the effect that help was not needed and that the *Hoi Ping* was continuing her voyage with six feet of water in one her holds.

At the time of the accident to the *Hoi Ping*, the s.s. *Sinkiang* from Shanghai to Swatow was anchored in Stoop Island Pass owing to a dense fog, and the message was picked up at about 8 p.m. The *Sinkiang*, however, was unable to proceed to the scene of the accident on account of fog. At 9.35 p.m. another message was picked up stating that the *Hoi Ping* was safe and that she was proceeding on her voyage. Capt. Williams of the *Sinkiang*, however, steered his vessel towards the spot where the *Hoi Ping* went ashore the next morning at 4 a.m. after the fog had lifted. On arrival she found that the *Hoi Ping* had left.

The s.s. *Hoi Ping* has had two previous names the *Nagasaki* and the *Burrenbeet*. She is 2,240 tons gross, built by Swan and Hunter of Newcastle in 1885, dimensions 300 feet, by 40 feet by 18.7 feet. She is owned by a Chinese firm at Canton and is under Chinese registry. Her local agents are Yuen Cheong Lee Hong at 92, Connaught Road West.

Marine Court.

A batch of petty offenders against the Harbour regulations were summoned before Lieut. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., at the Marine Court yesterday morning and fines ranging from \$5 to \$30 were imposed.

The first case called was that against the coxswain of the steam launch *Kam Sang* who allowed his launch to be underway without having had his licence renewed. Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 or ten days' hard labour.

The coxswain of the steam launch *Walla Walla No. 3* was fined the same sum.

For carrying 17 more passengers than are permitted by his licence the coxswain of the steam launch *Kwong Ping* was fined \$10 or ten days' hard labour.

The master of a fishing junk had to pay \$5 or go to gaol for five days' hard labour for dumping and dragging in the Harbour.

Chinese Passengers.

Chinese deck passengers entering the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday numbered 608. The majority came from Singapore.

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"LAHORE"	3,334	1st May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"NELLERE"	3,334	15th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"TAKLIWA"	3,334	20th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"TALAMBA"	3,334	25th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo, B'bay, & Karachi.
"MORRA"	10,188	28th May	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	9,005	11th June	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,902	26th June	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	9th July	Marseilles and London.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	23rd July	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KASHMIR"	9,005	28th Aug.	Marseilles and London.
"TAKLIWA"	10,902	20th Sept.	Marseilles, London, & Antwerp.
"KAMMALA"	9,125	3rd Sept.	

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"TILAWA"	10,000	6th May, 11 a.m.	Singapore, Penang and Calcutta
"TAKLIWA"	10,000	11th May	do.
"SANTHIA"	7,764	17th May	do.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	10th June	do.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (SOUTH)

Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong	Destination
"TANDA"	8,856	2nd June	Manila, Sandakan, Iloilo, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,600	1st July	
"ANAFURA"	6,000	29th July	

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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong	Destination
"TANDA"	8,856	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"MIZAPORE"	6,715	10th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	3,986	15th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,944	28th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,600	7th June	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	9,144	9th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	23rd June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"NOVARA"	6,988	26th June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ANAFURA"	6,000	5th July	Moji, Kobe Osaka & Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	9,005	8th July	S'hai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"RAVALPINDI"	16,019	22nd July	Shanghai.
"KRYSEE"	9,114	24th Aug.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"MORRA"	10,188	19th Aug.	do.
"KALYA"	9,144	2nd Sept.	do.
"MALWA"	10,386	16th Sept.	do.
"KALYAN"	9,144	3rd Sept.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	14th Oct.	do.
"MONGOLIA"	16,404	28th Oct.	do.

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